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COVER-Japanese Gen. Yoshiji Umezu signs his country's surrender aboard the Missouri in Tokyo Bay as General of the Army Douglas A. MacArthur and his chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Richard K. Sutherland look on. Three weeks earlier, the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki obviated the need for an invasion of Japan and saved at least a million U.S. and many more Japanese lives. (Navy Photo)



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VFW Helped

As a 34-year-old Vietnam veteran, I did not see any purpose in a veterans' organization until recently. (I am now a member of Post 2872.) I had had back surgery six times before moving to Georgia where I was injured at work and am now totally disabled. One day I received a letter advising me to contact the VA. Within a week, it was unbelievable how quickly help came. The first to contact me was Lloyd Mackey, Quartermaster of Post 2872. He introduced me to what the VFW really is. I received a lot of help during this period, but it was Lloyd who continually called to see if anything else was needed and proved to be real moral support—the kind that helps when you are down. If there is some sort of recognition for outstanding service, Lloyd Mackey deserves it.—*David L. Dutton, Sr., Rt. 1, Box 145-1A, Cobert, Ga. 30628.*

Thanks VA Personnel

On Jan. 15, I was admitted to the Ft. Miley VA hospital and operated on. I cannot thank enough the operation team who worked, not the usual 2½ hours, but a long, tiring 5½ hours. My doctors, Breton, Hellsman and Orvis, were tremendous, as were the anesthesiologists, nurses and crew. Then into the intensive care

unit where they also were wonderful. In the ward the finest bunch of people took care of me. I must include Gene Pellegrini and two greatly dedicated people, Jennie Bradish and Odell Williams, both retired in June after 39 and 38 years of service.—*Jeremiah J. Kelleher, 1702 Sanchez, San Francisco, Calif. 94131.*

Korea Comment

I would like to compliment you on your article "Korea: We Succeeded" (June). I am a veteran of the Korean War, and as I read the article I recollected my own experience in the conflict. I have often thought that those of us who held on to the Pusan Perimeter when all odds were against us, and we prevailed, notably deserve the Bronze Star. I think others agree with me. Again, thank you for the article.—*Peter Mariotti, 411 Coram Ave., Shelton, Ct. 06484.*

Service Officer

I read with interest the letter about a VFW member who consistently and unselfishly serves his Post and fellow veterans. Such a member was Ernest A. Camden, who passed away May 24, 1985. As Service Officer for Post 1499, Lexington, he served that position well. Although not in

very good health himself, he never refused when asked to assist his comrades in any way. It is that kind of dedication by those we sometimes seem to forget that makes the VFW the great organization that it is.—*Robert L. Cogar, 405 Battery Lane, P.O. Box 517, Lexington, Va. 24450.*

Illegal Aliens

As I read the papers, listen to the news and hear about this J. Peter Grace Commission report and our politicians cutting the budget, why is it no one says anything about aid to the illegal aliens in our country that cost American taxpayers over \$12 billion a year?

Our representatives in Washington are interested only in what is good for their party, themselves and the votes a certain bill will get them.—*O.C. Wesche, Sr., 10838 110th Dr., Sun City, Ariz. 85351.*

Is Lighter Yours?

A captain from England recently sent me a Zippo lighter bearing a pair of dice, a reference to the 319th Bomb. Group, and the word "Paradise." Its owner may have it by writing me.—*Bill Stewart, 853 South Winthrope, Orange, Calif. 92669.*

NOW HEAR THIS

VA Uncovers Fraud

Equity skimming schemes are victimizing veterans and jeopardizing the VA's Loan Guaranty program in southern California, VA Inspector Gen. Frank S. Sato has announced.

So far, 17 corporations have been identified as engaging in this practice involving 43 VA loans, but, Sato added, indications are that these schemes are more widespread than

the VA's investigation has found yet.

Local law enforcement agencies and the VA Department of Veterans Benefits are cooperating in the investigations, Sato said.

"We are convinced that by alerting veterans who are most susceptible to this scheme, we will reduce the number who fall prey to it," Sato said. "This will prevent veterans from

losing their homes, and the VA can avoid paying off loan guarantees that follow the foreclosures that result from this fraud."

Sato said that in the current cases losses to the VA from its guarantees have ranged from \$5,000 to \$27,000 a case.

Here's how the scheme works:

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A veteran, who has recently purchased a home, finds himself in a financial bind, but since the VA guaranteed loan requires normally no down payment, the veteran has little equity in the home. A "buyer" offers to take the home off the veteran's hands by renting or reselling the house to make his profit and suggests the veteran move out immediately. Thus the "buyer" takes possession of the property through a "purchase money note" or "quit claim deed" and transfers the title. The veteran believes he is relieved of making further mortgage payments.

The "buyer" rents out the property and collects the rent, but makes no mortgage payments. The original lender forecloses, leaving the veteran holding the bag.

Sato advises that veterans and lenders make themselves aware of their responsibilities and liabilities concerning government guarantees and the potential for abuse and fraud in these programs.

National Home Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the VFW National Home Corporation will be held at the National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich., on Oct. 26, 1985, at 9 a.m., in accordance with the By-Laws.

The purpose of the Annual Meeting will be to elect two Trustees, one from the Home's 3rd District (Pennsylvania, District of Columbia and Delaware) and one from the Home's 4th District (Ohio, West Virginia and Maryland).

Mail ballots for the election must be received at the VFW National Home no later than 10 a.m. Oct. 16, 1985, per Article I, Section 4, Voting.

Draft Registration

From last Oct. 1 to March 31, more than 12 million young men born between 1960 and 1965 have registered for Selective Service, an "astounding" 98.6% of that age group.

These figures were included in the

semiannual report of Thomas K. Turnage, director of the Selective Service System.

"Peacetime registration is successful because public opinion strongly endorses this element of the national preparedness program," he said.

Several governors and mayors have issued proclamations in support of the registration effort and "we have the strong support of patriotic and civic organizations," he said.



WWI Vets Honored

This stamp honoring World War I veterans was issued by the U.S. Postal Service in July during the convention of Veterans of World War I. With fixed bayonets, the men are going over the top in an attack against German positions on the Western Front. At the end of March, 1984, the VA reported 272,000 veterans of that war still living. The U.S. entered World War I on April 6, 1917. Fighting ceased on Nov. 11, 1918. Total U.S. casualties were 320,710, of whom 53,513 were battle deaths.

VFW Supports Korean Memorial

Support for the erection of a Korean War Memorial was voiced by the Veterans of Foreign Wars on July 10 before the Task Force on Libraries and Memorials of the House Committee on House Administration.

Legislative Director Donald H. Schwab, representing the VFW, told the task force, chaired by Rep. Mary Oaker, that the organization supports legislation that would author-

ize erection of the monument on government property in Washington, D.C., or the city's area.

Schwab cited H.R. 2205, introduced on April 24 by Rep. James J. Florio for himself and Reps. G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery, who chairs the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, and John Paul Hammerschmidt, its ranking minority member.

Besides honoring the 5.7 million who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Korean War, the 103,000 who were wounded, the 54,400 killed and the 5,000 captured or missing in action, H.R. 2205 would fulfill the thrust of VFW Resolution 308 adopted by the 85th National Convention, Schwab said.

Testifying, Schwab commented that "it is my understanding that the task force intends to amend H.R. 2205 by substituting the American Battle Monuments Commission for the Secretary of the Interior as the action agency."

"The commission has sought the necessary appropriation for a quarter of a century, having been rebuffed in turn by both the old Bureau of the Budget and the President's Office of Management and Budget," Schwab said.

He added that the commission is authorized by law to receive funds for this purpose from any state, municipal or private source and "if adequately publicized and vigorously pursued, donations could reduce the federal expenditures and bathe the monument in an aura of true national pride and remembrance."

Schwab also noted that pending before the task force is H.R. 2588 introduced by Rep. Stanford E. Parris on May 22. It is similar to H.R. 2205 and also has several co-sponsors.

He continued:

"It is inconceivable, indeed, that while for interment in Arlington National Cemetery we as a nation go to the greatest extremes to locate and properly honor an unknown of each war, yet, we as a nation treat as

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non-persons, unmemorialized and, yes, thus unhonored, those known valiant men and women who made the supreme sacrifice; those who were wounded; those who were prisoners of war; those veterans who have returned to their civilian endeavors and those so disabled that they will remain hospitalized the remainder of their lives.

"Advancing and seeing through to fruition the necessary legislation, even though belated, would bring lasting, tangible tribute to those who fought in such places as Yongdung-p'o, Taejon-ni, Seoul, Pork Chop Hill, and Pyongyang, among others."

Korean War Rangers Remembered

The traditions of the U.S. Army Rangers, which predate the republic they serve, are now cast in sterling silver.

The Ranger Infantry Companies (Airborne) of the Korean War will present a special award to a special unit at its 1985 reunion at Colorado Springs-Fort Carson, Colo., Oct. 24-27.

The award is a smaller version of a larger bowl, which will be presented to the commanding officer of the Army's only Ranger regiment when the association holds its reunion.

This "living bowl" will pass each year to the Ranger company judged to be the best in the Army. The Ranger company's unit designation will be engraved on the bowl. The smaller "traveling bowl" will be kept in the orderly room of the winning company for that year.

The regimental bowl measuring 19 1/4 inches wide and nine inches deep is mounted on black marble and will remain in Regimental Headquarters.

The companies of the regiment's

three battalions, the 1st at Fort Stewart, Ga., the 2nd at Fort Lewis, Wash., and the 3rd at Fort Benning, Ga., will compete for the bowl. The winner will be selected by its commander, other officers and non-commissioned officers of the regiment.

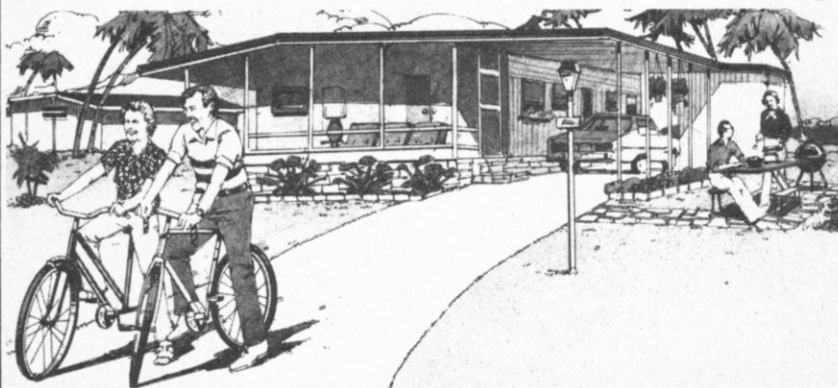
A veteran of the Ranger Infantry Companies (Airborne), retired Army Col. Robert Black has put together the following account of the Rangers' Korean War exploits:

"During the Korean War, 18 Ranger Companies were formed, 17 of which were airborne. The 8213th Army Unit (8th Army Ranger Company) was formed of volunteers from units in the Far East and fought in the drive to the Yalu. The Airborne Ranger Companies numbered 1 to 8 were the select few that remained of the thousands of volunteers from the 11th and 82nd Airborne Divisions.

"Companies numbered 9 to 15 and

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LEGISLATIVE

Recent Testimony: The subcommittee on Compensation and Employee Benefits of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee held a legislative hearing on "Catch 62." Under this, Civil Service retirees, who credit toward their retirement military service after 1956, have their annuity recomputed at 62 unless they pay into the Civil Service Retirement Fund for each year of military service. Current law requires a 7% buy-back of base pay for each year of active duty. H.R. 1131, introduced by Rep. James L. Oberstar and supported by the VFW, would decrease the payment into the Retirement Fund to 6.5 % for the years 1957 through 1969, as it was those years for Civil Service employees. In addition, the VFW urged extending from two years to four years the buy-back period without interest penalty. If not extended, commencing Oct. 1, 1985, payments made into the retirement fund shall include interest computed and compounded annually.

Before the Task Force on Libraries and Memorials of the Committee on House Administration, the VFW supported pending legislation calling for the erection of a Korean War Memorial on federal land in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor those who served during the Korean war. In urging early advancement of H.R. 2205, introduced by Rep. James L. Florio for himself and Reps. G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery and John Paul Hammerschmidt, and H.R. 2588, introduced by Rep. Stanford E. Parrish, the VFW said, "It is inconceivable, indeed, that while for interment in Arlington National Cemetery we as a nation go to the greatest extremes to locate and properly honor an unknown of each war, yet, we as a nation treat as non-persons, unmemorialized and yes, unhonored, those known valiant men and women who made the supreme sacrifice; those who were wounded; those who were prisoners of war; those veterans who have returned to their civilian endeavors and those so disabled that they will remain hospitalized the remainder of their lives."

Before a subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee, the VFW testified in support of a bill that would allow members of the Armed Forces to sue the U.S. for damages for specified injuries caused by improper medical care. H.R. 1161, introduced by Rep. Barney Frank, addresses what is, in VFW opinion, a gross inequity of law, the Feres Doctrine. This denies military personnel the right to sue the government for damages. VFW told the Subcommittee that just because an individual enters the Armed Forces, he or she should not be relegated to the position of second class citizens as far as legal rights are concerned when certain government action due to negligence is clearly the cause of injury. It was also argued that federal prisoners enjoy more freedom than military personnel when it comes to suing the government

for damages. In supporting H.R. 1161, the VFW suggested the bill be amended to clarify more precisely those situations which should continue to be protected under Feres, specifically, battlefield conditions.

Before the Subcommittee on Compensation, Pension and Insurance of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, the VFW voiced its views on the Atomic Veterans Relief Act of 1985. While supporting the intent of the legislation, H.R. 1613, VFW said that many of the bill's provisions are already provided for in the Veterans Dioxin and Radiation Exposure Compensation Standards Act, Public Law 98-542, signed by the President last October. VFW said it may be advisable to delay the advancement of any new legislation addressing this issue until the provisions and final regulations mandated by Public Law 98-542 are promulgated and can be fully analyzed. The VFW reiterated its strong support of benefits for all veterans for disabilities or illnesses which can be reasonably attributed to their service in our Armed Forces.

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Small Business Administration Authorization: By a 94 to 3 vote, the Senate passed S. 408 to amend the Small Business Act to establish program levels and authorize funds for the Small Business Administration and to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

An amendment offered by Sen. Jay Rockefeller and co-sponsored by Sens. Matsunaga and Moynihan was adopted urging the Small Business Administration to evaluate the effectiveness of the Veterans Business Resource Councils which are currently operating and to recommend improvements in their operations, to develop guidelines to assist in the councils' establishment and to work with the states and any interested organizations to encourage their establishment. The councils are a consortium of veterans who have already established their own successful small business, representatives of veterans' organizations and other community groups. They currently operate in California, Ohio, Texas, New York, Massachusetts, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota and Missouri.

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Veterans' Preference: Under suspension of the rules, the House passed HR 1802 to provide employment security and opportunities for veterans' preference eligibles in guard, elevator operator, messenger and custodian jobs under Section 3310, Title 5, United States Code, as long as veterans' preference eligibles are available. The legislation, strongly supported by Reps. Gilman, Edgar, Dymally, Montgomery, Hammerschmidt, Daschle, Ackerman, Myer and

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Leath, is not a blanket prohibition on contracting out for these services. Rather, it is a carefully balanced piece of legislation which protects veterans who currently hold positions while providing opportunities for sheltered workshops to bid for these positions where veterans would not be separated. A similar House-passed bill died when the 98th Congress adjourned without action being taken on it by the Senate.

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Business Income: Legislation has been introduced in both Houses of Congress to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to provide that an activity relating to the free distribution of low-cost articles by certain non-profit organizations and veterans' organizations in connection with the solicitation of charitable contributions does not constitute an unrelated trade or business of such organization. In the House Rep. John J. Duncan's H.R. 2492 has been referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. A companion bill, S. 1458, introduced in the Senate by Sen. Edward Zorinsky, is now pending before the Committee on Finance. The VFW asked to testify when hearings are held on this proposed legislation. However, many more co-sponsors are desired for both H.R. 2492 and S. 1458.

SERVICE

Finally, Agent Orange Studies Begin: Directed by Congress and administered by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, study will be of 43,000 Army personnel from E-5 or below who served during the Vietnam Era. Those who served in Vietnam and those who never set foot in the country will make up the 43,000. Of these, 30,000 will be chosen for half-hour telephone interviews. Ten-thousand will be chosen for three days of physical and psychological testing at a private hospital in Albuquerque, N.M., at government expense, plus \$300. Study, costing \$75 million, is CDC's largest. Interviews and examinations will be carried out by a private group, Research Triangle Institute, following CDC guidelines that were reviewed by VFW and other veterans' groups. Success rate so far of more than 70% in contacting the selected veterans indicates researchers will meet their 30,000 goal. CDC expect to learn whether veterans exposed to Agent Orange have a higher incidence of rare cancers. Public Health Adviser Robert Diefenbach told VFW Service Officers Proficiency Conference that the 30,000 will be divided into five groups: those who served in a specified area of Vietnam in 1967-68 and were likely to have been exposed to Agent Orange; those who served in Vietnam during the same period and were less likely to have been exposed; those who served in the same years in another Vietnam area and exposure was unlikely; those who served in Vietnam during

1966-71, and selected at random; and those who served in 1966-71 in countries other than Vietnam. Army is cooperating by helping identify potential study participants through 201 files and unit records of 1967-68 period when Agent Orange was sprayed most heavily. Confidentiality is ensured by CDC. No information about participants will be released outside the Public Health Service without their written permission. Findings will be published in September, 1988, for the Agent Orange and Vietnam experience studies. Rare cancers study findings will be published in September, 1989. Head of the CDC project, Dr. Peter M. Layde, has promised to keep veterans informed of the studies. They cannot be completed without veterans' help, he says.

SECURITY

Terrorism: Robert B. Oakley, Director of the Office for Counter-Terrorism and Emergency Planning, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of steps being taken by this country to counteract terrorism around the world. Oakley predicted terrorism will be a major factor in the world for the rest of this century. Reasons for continued terrorism? He listed worldwide competitive arms sales, mass communications that assure instant publicity for terrorists' acts, easier travel among nations, diminishing border controls, cheapness as a form of warfare. Oakley foresaw increasing terrorist violence and many more victims who are not countries' officials—clergymen, journalists and businessmen. He said terrorist activities now consist of a wider range of groups with separate interests. One in the Middle East, the Shiite Moslems, is fairly new on the scene. "We must recognize that the groups and nations involved today in international terrorism could change in the coming years as a result of effective actions against them and changes in leadership," he said. "We must remain vigilant and take strong steps but must also be careful to avoid over-reacting and creating new generations of terrorists in response to perceptions of our actions." Oakley said open democratic societies will remain terrorists' principal targets, "but no societies are immune." He added: "We should recognize, however, that the means which are increasingly available to the opponents of democratic states are also available to the opponents of dictatorships," he said. The U.S. must make all nations, regardless of political systems, aware that terrorism is a threat to all forms of organized society. Middle East terrorism often has direct support of Libya and Syria; Shiite zealots are inspired, trained and often armed and guided by Iran. In the region, Israel, critics of radical regimes and moderate Arab governments are the three major targets. Oakley said tendency in Europe is toward cooperation among groups. Latin America accounts for 20% of terrorist acts.

Mr. Employer, Think Veteran

By William Jayne

VA Administrator Harry N. Walters has started a new private sector initiative at the Veterans Administration to get jobs for the one million unemployed veterans.

Twenty-six leaders from the private sector, all of them veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam, male and female, have agreed to aid this new initiative by serving on the Committee for Employer Support of Veteran Employment (CESVE). They represent small businesses, large companies, organized labor and associations.

CESVE's mission is to improve the climate for veteran employment to the maximum extent possible. Its members will lead a national campaign to promote veteran employment by telling employers the attributes veterans bring to the workplace. These include team orientation, leadership ability, discipline and the knack of working with diverse groups.

We want those who make hiring decisions to perceive veteran status as a definite asset to an individual's employability so that when they need a good employee they will think veteran.

Not enough employers consider veteran status an asset when hiring. A 1980 Harris poll showed that 64% of employers said veteran status made no difference. When employers view military service as an employment asset, it is good for veterans and the country. It will provide concrete evidence that military service is respected and rewarded.

Despite the negative attention Vietnam veterans have received, the great majority of them have adjusted well from their military experience. Their unemployment rates are relatively low and their median income is 16% higher than non-veterans' in comparable age groups.

Nevertheless, 318,000 of them are

looking for work and younger post-Vietnam veterans have high jobless rates. On the other hand, older, pre-Vietnam veterans have extremely low unemployment rates, but there are so many of them that a great many are unemployed.

In addition, more than one million veterans, severely handicapped, are rated at 30% or more disabled. All VA statistics indicate that suitable jobs remain an extremely difficult challenge for this group of veterans.

Federal government programs in 1968, 1970 and 1971, Project Transition and Jobs for Veterans made acceptable progress until the 1975 oil embargo precipitated a deep recession. Recent veterans were vulnerable to the "last hired, first fired" syndrome because of their lack of job seniority. That was when an unsuccessful attempt was made to include veterans in CETA and HIRE programs. HIRE, established in 1977, was veteran-oriented. They failed because veterans as a class did not belong. They were directed toward first offenders and drug addicts.

Now the federal government addresses veteran employment somewhat differently. A recent agreement between the VA and Department of Labor is the basis for unprecedented cooperation between the two agencies. An example is the jointly-administered Emergency Veterans Job Training Act. A local veteran employment representative oversees services to veterans in every employment service office in the country; 2,000 specialists provide employment service to veterans, primarily the disabled. This program pays employers up to \$10,000 to train veterans in growth-industry jobs. It has proved that properly trained veterans will help businesses grow.

CESVE will make the business sector conscious of the special contributions veterans have made to the country, their special qualities of proven worth, training to work in

demanding environments and as role models for other employees.

Employers want trained personnel, those who will save overhead costs and keep productivity high. The solution: Think and hire the veteran.

Approximately 82 of 100 veterans served during wartime. World II's 11.1 million veterans represent 39% of all veterans; Vietnam veterans 27% and Korean veterans 19%.

The average Vietnam veteran is a 37-year-old male high school graduate with some college, married with one or two children. He has proven himself and is a valuable resource. The veteran's traits already cited add up to the "Job skills plus" factor.

A significant bonus lies in the \$13 billion spent each year by the Department of Defense on training programs. A fourth of them are in specialized skills directly transferrable to private business.

Each year more than 300,000 persons are honorably discharged from all the military services. They are qualified for at least 1,000 different civilian jobs. Employers' taxes already have paid for this training. Why not capitalize on this asset?

CESVE will target private businesses, state the problem and explain what is wanted from them. Step one is support CESVE. The employer will receive a Statement of Support of CESVE, display it and publicize it to his workers, other employers and the community. Step two is public education by employers of veteran abilities. Step three is development of a spirit of commitment to veteran employment through personal contact. Step four is hire the veteran.

Any employer interested in becoming a CESVE Supporting Employer may write CESVE (OOC), Veterans Administration, Washington D.C. 20420.

About the author:

He is CESVE executive director.

A and B were the pick of the various infantry divisions. These men were four time volunteers, (the Army, the airborne, the Rangers and combat). They were America's original Airborne Rangers, the first men to wear the black and gold Ranger tab. Assigned at Army level, they were attached on the basis of one 112-man Ranger Company per infantry division.

"Seven Ranger Companies fought in Korea, the 1st through 5th and 8th Airborne Rangers and the 8213th AU (8th Army Rangers). At a time when United Nations forces numbered more than 500,000, fewer than 700 of these Rangers were fighting to the front of every American Army division engaged.

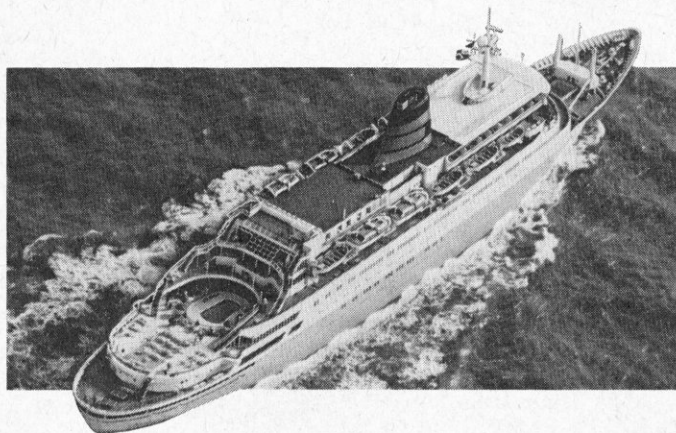
"They participated in the first defeat of Chinese forces; they raided and destroyed a North Korean division headquarters; they made the first combat jump by Ranger units. In the Eastern sector, they were first across the 38th Parallel on the second drive north. One 33-man Ranger platoon fought a between-the-lines battle with two Chinese reconnaissance companies, and 70 Chinese were killed. The Rangers lost two killed and three wounded, all of whom were brought back to friendly lines.

"Wherever they went throughout the Army, the Rangers of the Korean War set the standard for excellence. From their example came the desire to spread Ranger leadership throughout the Army and the birth of the Ranger Department. These Rangers contributed six campaigns, two Presidential Unit Citations to Ranger honors."

Black says the Korean War Ranger veterans are tracking down their former comrades-in-arms, accounting for every man and his burial site and are now helping Ranger veterans of the Vietnam War to reunite. So he is asking VFW members who know of anyone who served in a Ranger Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol to send the information to Howard K. Davis, 10832 SW 61st St., Miami, Fla. 33173.

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Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz signs for the United States.

'AN ALTAR OF PEACE'

World War II began on a ship and finally ended on a ship six years and one day later.

The ship that began the war on Sept. 1, 1939, was the German cruiser Schleswig-Holstein that opened up in Danzig harbor with its 280mm guns against the tiny Polish garrison at Westerplatte, a small fortress on a sandy peninsula at the entrance to Danzig, now the Polish Gdansk.

(Eight hours earlier, at 8 p.m., Aug. 31, a Nazi officer, Alfred Helmut Naujocks, provided a "provocation" when he led an attack on the radio station at Gleiwitz, a German town on the Polish border. The attack was carried out by a dozen German convicts in Polish uniforms. They were

mowed down by SS machine gunners to assure their silence.)

Surrender of Hitler's last ally, the Japanese, took place aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay on Sept. 2, 1945, as the 1st Cavalry Division was unloading on Japanese soil for occupation duty. Advance occupation parties landed at Atsugi field near Yokohama a few days before.

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Presiding over the surrender ceremonies was General of the Army Douglas A. MacArthur, who would gain further luster for his statesman-like administration of Japan's occupation.

After all had assembled for the formal signing, MacArthur said:

"It is my earnest hope — indeed the hope of all mankind — that from this solemn occasion a better world shall emerge out of the blood and carnage of the past, a world founded upon faith and understanding, a world dedicated to the dignity of man and the fulfillment of his most cherished wish for freedom, tolerance and justice."

One of the 11-man Japanese party,

Toshikoze Kase, of the Foreign Office, later said MacArthur's words "transformed it [the table bearing the surrender documents] into an altar of peace."

After the Japanese signed — one of them, Gen. Yoshijiro Umezu, came only at Emperor Hirohito's behest after threatening to commit suicide — MacArthur signed as the Allies' representative. Fleet Adm. Chester Nimitz signed for the United States. Adm. William F. Halsey was next.

At the ceremonies were officers from Britain, the Soviet Union, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, China, the Netherlands and France, all signing for their countries.

Before they arrived, a green-covered mess table had been set up on the admiral's veranda deck. The surrender instruments in Japanese and English had been placed on them. The flag that had flown over the Capitol in Washington on Dec. 7, 1941, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, was raised on the Missouri, Adm. Halsey's flagship. It had flown at Casablanca, Rome and Berlin and later would fly over the U.S. embassy in Tokyo.

When Adm. Nimitz came aboard, Halsey's four-star flag was transferred to the USS Iowa and Nimitz's five-star flag was flown. (Halsey became a fleet admiral in December, 1945.)

The Japanese, headed by one-legged Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu, arrived, and then MacArthur, accompanied by Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, who surrendered the Philippines, and Lt. Gen. Sir Arthur E. Percival, the Briton who lost Singapore, gave his brief speech that so impressed Kase. Protocol prevented Premier Prince Naruhiko from attending. He was an uncle by marriage of Hirohito.

Witnessing the ceremony with MacArthur was his chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Richard K. Sutherland, who learned that Col. L. Moore Cosgrove of Canada had signed on the wrong line. Sutherland lined through the names of the countries above misplaced signatures and wrote in the countries' names.

At the conclusion of the surrender, the sun broke through the clouds and possibly 1,000 Army and Navy planes flew over the Missouri.

A simple ceremony, but it was one that millions had fought and died to achieve.

The Japanese surrender came fewer than four months after the Germans surrendered on May 7 — Col. Gen. Alfred Jodl to the Americans in Reims and Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel to the Russians in Berlin. Both were hanged later as war criminals.

But in between those two capitulations, a whole new age began when the first atomic bombs were used against Hiroshima and Nagasaki, actions that saved the lives of an estimated million Americans who did not have to invade the Japanese home islands.

For the Allied representatives, the end of the war in the Pacific rang

down the curtain on campaigns that ranged from the frigid near-Arctic conditions of the Aleutians to the steaming jungles of Borneo and the South Pacific. Although the homelands of the French and Dutch signers of the surrender had been liberated for months, large portions of China had been occupied for years by the Japanese and the two nations had fought off and on for more than two decades. The Americans, British, Dutch and French had been expelled from most of the Pacific basin by Japan's rapid blows that began in December, 1941, when Japanese Premier Hideki Tojo sought by force to



Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu signs for Japan.

unite the region in the "Greater Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere." Tojo also met the hangman's noose.

Recovering rapidly from the blows that severely damaged the Navy at Pearl Harbor and lost the Philippines and several other Pacific island outposts, the Americans bounced back with their first offensive, the Marine landing on Guadalcanal, in August, 1942. From then on, except for a few naval engagements, the Japanese lost steadily and never regained the initiative.

Immediately before the surrender, a series of events shocked Japanese leaders into realizing all was lost. Of course, the atomic bombs on Hiroshima, Aug. 6, and Nagasaki, Aug. 9, were the most apparent, but the loss of the Philippines cut the Japanese off from Indonesian oil; the defeat at

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Iwo Jima enabled the U.S. to establish air bases within easy range of the home islands and the capture of Okinawa provided an ideal staging area for the invasion planned for the fall of 1945.

With the campaign for Okinawa over, Halsey's 3rd Fleet could and did strike at the heart of Japan in its own waters, almost at will. The Navy, with the British and New Zealanders joining in, bombarded steel mills and railroads that carried coal to the plants. Hunter-killer groups ranged widely in their searches for submarines. They were all that remained of Japan's once-vaunted fleet. Carrier strikes were hitting the Yokosuka shipyard on the shores of Tokyo Bay. One submarine, I-58, sank the USS Indianapolis on July 29. This was the ship that brought parts for the atomic bomb from the United States only days before.

A Strategic Bombing Survey after the war found that attacks on Japan carried out by the 3rd Fleet's Task Force 38 had had the effect of reducing the Japanese will to continue the war.

Unquestionably, the fire bombings of Tokyo and five other major Japanese cities carried out by Maj. Gen. Curtis LeMay's XXI Bomber Command's B-29s also sapped the people's enthusiasm for the war. The attacks crippled industry, killed and injured hundreds and thousands and left a million homeless.

The noted naval historian, Adm. Samuel Eliot Morison, wrote that the last important air battle of the war occurred on Aug. 15 when Adm. John S. McCain, Sr., launched what became the final air strike against Tokyo. The first planes were over the city, a second formation nearing the coast. Halsey got the word to stop air operations because Hirohito had promised to surrender. He passed the order on to McCain. The second group of planes returned, but when the first got the order, the six Hellcats from the Yorktown were over Tokorozama field and were attacked by 15 or 20 Japanese planes. Four Hellcats were shot down, but the Japanese lost nine.

Japan's decision to surrender — forced finally by Hirohito, until then only a figurehead — was reached only after the emperor personally intervened to prevent Japan from being reduced to ashes. Opposition

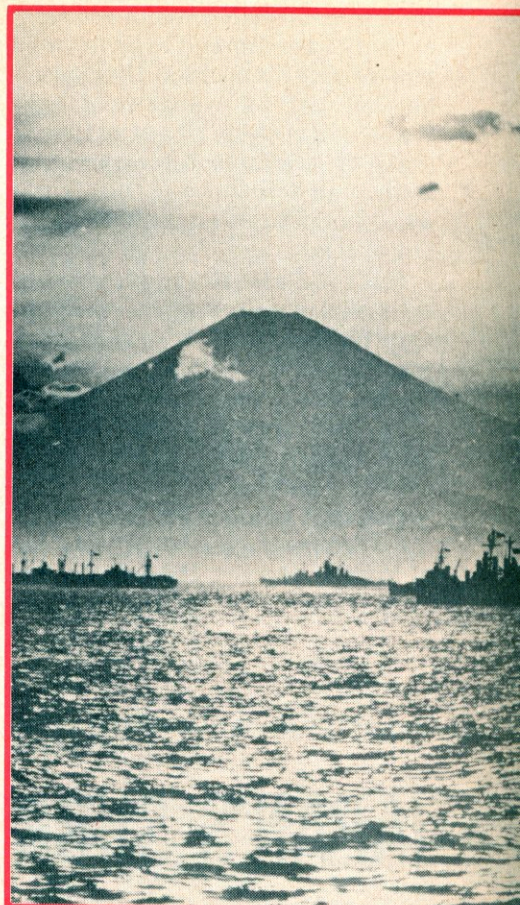
of hardliners had to be overcome. Before the Soviets entered the war after the second bomb, the Japanese attempted to use Stalin as an intermediary. For the U.S. and its allies, the Japanese decision hinged on acceptance of the Potsdam Declaration issued on July 26. It called for unconditional surrender of the armed forces, occupation and elimination of authority of militarists "for all time." In light of conditions 40 years after, one provision is of special interest. It allowed "participation in world trade relations."

On Aug. 11, Secretary of State James Byrnes announced that retention of the emperor's authority would be up to the Supreme Commander of Allied Powers (MacArthur). On the same day, in hopes of prodding the Japanese to make a decision, President Truman ordered resumption of B-29 flights, but this was cancelled Aug. 14 when 1,000 were in the air.

After the second bomb was dropped, the Japanese cabinet approved the emperor's decision and the U.S., the Soviet Union, Britain and China were notified that Japan was ready to accept the Potsdam Declaration. News of this was withheld from the Japanese people, who had been led by their propagandists to believe that they were winning. So between Aug. 13 and 14, seven B-29s dropped five million leaflets containing the text of Japan's notice of acceptance and Byrnes's reply. This was the first intimation the people had that all was not well. After another imperial conference on Aug. 14, Radio Tokyo at 2:49 p.m. flashed the word and Truman announced the war was over in a broadcast from the White House at 7 p.m. on Aug. 14. He declared two days of celebration.

In Tokyo on Aug. 15, some hot-heads attempted a coup to isolate the emperor's palace, but it was frustrated. Several Japanese leaders, including the Kamikaze Corps founder, committed suicide. In his broadcast that same day, the emperor did not use the word "surrender." Byrnes ordered the Japanese to cease hostilities on Aug. 16, but the emperor's order was not issued until after the surrender on the Missouri. Even so, garrisons on several small islands gave up before Sept. 2.

So fragile was the decision to surrender that members of the em-



Allied ships anchor in Tokyo Bay on Aug. 27, 1945, almost a week before the surrender. In background is fabled Mt. Fujiyama.

The Japanese surrender delegation arrives on the USS Missouri, headed by one-legged Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu, with cane, and next to him, Gen. Yoshijiro Umezu, army chief of staff later sentenced to life imprisonment for war crimes.



peror's family had to visit personally each Army command to order compliance with his decision. His younger brother got to Atsugi field near Yokohama on Aug. 26 just in time to make it available for occupation troops and to ground kamikazes who planned to sink the Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

The total cost of the six years of the global war probably never will be known. Estimated economic price was nearly \$2 trillion. In civilian deaths, the figures range from 26 to 34 million and 15 million military lives, half of them claimed by the Soviets. Vast numbers of cities were devastated, millions left homeless.

For four years, the Nazis held most of Europe captive. Poland, the one

country that refused to knuckle under to Hitler's demands, paid dearly. Six million Poles, half of them Jews, died during the war; Poland actually was erased from the map, divided between Germany and the USSR under the terms of the Molotov-Ribbentrop non-aggression pact that allied Hitler and Stalin from the end of August, 1939, to June, 1941, when Nazis invaded the USSR.

Japan had been fighting in China for several years when the attack on Pearl Harbor brought the U.S. into the war and put the whole weight of this country's industrial and manpower might into the conflict.

What was more important, the attack unified the U.S. as never before. Until the Pearl Harbor attack,

the American people had been divided between interventionists and isolationists, some of it politically based since Democratic President Franklin heavily favored an Allied victory. "All aid short of war" was his view. Among the world leaders of that period, Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill stand out for their ability to rally their people and articulate their resolve to win. Of the two, however, Churchill probably had a firmer grasp of the nature of the struggle that lay ahead with the emergence of Soviet power and the threat posed by Communism.

But who thought of that on the Missouri 40 years ago? ■

JAPAN'S SURRENDER: I WAS THERE

By Mark Clutter

On Aug. 6, 1945, the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. Japan had been defeated, and Americans were the conquerors. I was with the first Allied troops to enter the enemy capital. As an enlisted naval correspondent, I was sent in to interview prisoners of war. During the next six weeks I heard and recorded horror stories that remain with me to this day. In retrospect, everything I saw and heard concerning our troops convinced me that we should remember their actions with complete pride.

It was undoubtedly the easiest and most casual amphibious operation of the war. We, who were expecting a few months earlier to approach the shores of Japan through a rain of bombs and shells, motored along in our LCVPs as though we were on a routine errand in a stateside harbor.

As we approached the shore where Omori prison camp was located, half naked men swarmed out on some pilings, cheering wildly, waving and dancing with joy. Some dived



John O. Beck (left), Honolulu, Hawaii, reviews a World War II document with retired Brig. Gen. Douglas Kinnard, Army Chief of Military History. The document, a list of nearly 600 prisoners of war held by the Japanese, includes the name and signature of Lt. Gen Jonathan Wainwright, commander of the U.S. Forces in the Philippines at the time of the surrender to the Japanese. (Army Photo)

into the sea and swam toward the boat until they were told to stay clear. Those on shore produced three huge flags—the U.S., the British and the Dutch — which they had made from parachutes that had been used to drop food to them.

The expression of Lazarus the day he walked forth from his tomb could not have been more ecstatically joyous than were the faces of more than 500 Allied prisoners when they saw us.

While the mass of prisoners gathered about the evacuation party. I wandered a little way into the camp. Suddenly I heard a shout, "My God, there's an American sailor! Look, fellows, a free man!" I stepped into a barracks and was surrounded by a group of shouting young fellows whose faces were pinched and pale and whose ribs protruded sharply.

If I live to be 100, I do not expect ever again to receive such an enthusiastic welcome. They surrounded me laughing and talking. They had been brought from Okuna, the land of the living dead.

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In comparison, Omori, which was pretty loathsome, was a paradise. Here, the men lived in windowless, open, doubled-decked barracks. They slept on long platforms covered with straw matting that was an excellent breeding ground for fleas and bedbugs. Men were subjected to inhuman treatment. Their food consisted of chicken feed, barley soup and a nearly inedible variety of rice. And Omori was considered the finest prison camp in Japan.

During the following weeks, as I wandered through the streets of Japan, I noticed that one of the admirable qualities of American servicemen was their love for children. Wherever they have gone, they have quickly won the friendship of the kids. The nippers of Nippon were no exception.

I still remember seeing a big sailor using a ferocious-looking sheath knife to cut one little chocolate bar into nearly a hundred pieces. Scores of little urchins crowded around him and mutely held out their grimy hands. Typically the average GI would have liked to transport all the children of defeated Japan to a fairytale land where people are happy and good and where chocolate bars grow on trees.

"Children are the only unspoiled people," one sailor said wistfully. "It is terrible that they have to suffer so much for the doings of grownups."

The generosity of the Americans was not limited to the small ones. After the surrender, planes parachuted more rations to a prison camp than the men could eat, enormous as their appetites were. When they were transported by train, they took with them sacks of canned goods, K-rations and candy bars. Later, in a railway station a strange little scene developed. Our men began distributing their food to some Japanese women who were waiting there. The radiant happiness on the faces of the poor creatures was good to see.

One prisoner told me he had even shared his food with a sadistic prison guard. "He gave me plenty of reason to hate him, but I just couldn't stand to think of his being hungry," he said.

In all my contacts with those prisoners of war, I was amazed at their almost inexplicable generosity toward an enemy who had treated them so cruelly. I expected them to

be irrational in their hatred of Japan, demanding terrible vengeance in the form of fantastic blood purges. On the whole, I found they were much calmer in their attitudes than were American civilians at home. For the torturers and murderers, they wanted justice, but pity usually outweighed their hatred of the Japanese masses.

There is no possible way the United States can be faulted for its humane treatment of the Japanese after the surrender, but there has been breast beating by some over the use of the atom bomb. All U.S. prisoners of war with whom I talked were convinced the atom bombs had saved their lives.

The Japanese had told them they would have been executed if American forces invaded the home islands. Many believed that, even if they were spared outright execution, they could not have endured another winter in a prison camp.

All indications were that the Japanese were being schooled to defend every square foot of their soil with their lives. Liberated prisoners told of seeing factories where bamboo spears were being made as weapons for women.

There are well-intentioned people whose hearts bleed because of the indiscriminate killing of the citizens of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

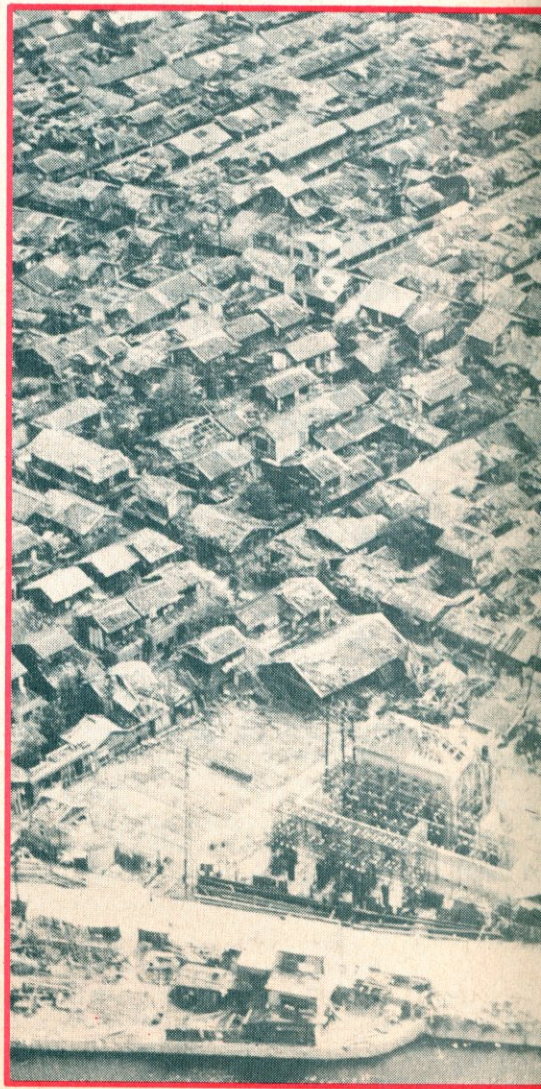
If the bombs had not been dropped, the B-29s would have rained death on the cities of Japan. (All kinds of bombs are indiscriminate killers.) Then the fleet would have moved in. A multitude of sunken ships and beaches littered with an army of dead would have resulted. Yard-by-yard, we would have battled our way through burning villages and mountainous wildernesses. We and the enemy might have counted our dead in millions. The use of the bomb spared us that tragedy.

As the weeks passed, and my tour came to an end, I was filled with hope for the future. When the day came for me to leave, I boarded a transport plane for Pearl Harbor. As we flew over Japan, leaving behind us the watery checkerboards of rice fields and the pretty little mountains, I felt good inside. Our people had done well. We had shown gallantry and courage in battle and magnanimity in victory. Nothing more could have been asked of us. ■



A Navy corpsman prepares to help move a freed American prisoner at the Japanese Omori prison camp.

A portion of Hiroshima is shown after the atom bomb attack.





These prisoners in a Japanese POW camp hail their release.

FROM SLAVE TO MASTER

By Col. John Olson, USA (Ret.)

My head nodded rhythmically in time with the clickity-clack of the railroad car wheels. My eyelids, heavy with fatigue, tried with increasing frequency to convince my eyes they needed shielding, but behind the non-focusing optics, my brain was in a turmoil. I had a problem, and at the moment, I was concerned about my ability to handle it.

The time was the night of Sept. 10, 1945. The place was the interior of a railway passenger car of the Japanese National Railway Company enroute from Osaka to a town called

Onomichi on the Inland Sea. With the exception of the two men sitting opposite me, I was surrounded by inquisitive Japanese, many of whom were standing because every square inch of the seating capacity was jammed with Oriental bodies.

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I glanced across the aisle at the young Japanese Army officer, who quickly averted his gaze to concentrate on the sheaf of papers in his lap. "A penny (or would sen be more appropriate) for your thoughts," I mused. He had obviously been trying to appraise this first example of an American Army officer he had ever seen, and I was equally curious about him. He was a key part of my mission.

My mission was, for me, a unique one. On orders from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo, established only eight days earlier, I was to effect the evacuation of ten

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camps containing 3,000 Allied prisoners of war.

The repatriation of POWs had been going on since the beginning of the month. Thousands of Americans, Australians, British, Canadian, Dutch and Japanese captives had been freed and were now on that long-awaited journey home. So why was my mission unique? The answer: I, too, was a freshly-liberated POW.

Five days before, I was in a prison camp on the west coast of Honshu, the principal Japanese island. We had waited for almost three weeks to be rescued. Finally, in desperation it was agreed by the senior Allied officers in the camp that I would go to Osaka to contact the American Recovery Team. This I did on Sept. 6. For the next four days I worked with newly-arrived U.S. Army personnel in arranging for the movement, not only of the inmates of my own camp, but also of those in all the camps located in the central part of Honshu. The last group had headed for Yokohama this Sept. 10 morning. So why was I not also on my way to board a U.S. Navy hospital ship anchored in Tokyo Bay?

The man responsible was seated across from me. His name was Dr. Fritz Bilfinger, a Swiss and the International Red Cross delegate to Japan. He had come unannounced to the Recovery Team Headquarters in the New Osaka Hotel (NOH) in Osaka that very morning. Maj. Mitchell, the Recovery Team Chief, was engaged with a Japanese official and asked that I talk to Dr. Bilfinger. I did for almost two hours before Mitchell joined us. I learned that no camps in the southern part of Honshu or on the island of Shikoku had been evacuated. Bilfinger had been in contact with the senior Allied officers in each of the ten widely-separated camps. All were concerned because the men under them were becoming restless. A few had left their compounds. No one knew what would be their fate.

When Maj. Mitchell was finally available, I briefly outlined the problem. He in turn explained to me that under the plan for evacuation, the U.S. 8th Army, to which he was assigned, was charged with clearing out all camps in Hokkaido and Northern and Central Honshu. The U.S. 6th Army had the remainder of Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu.

Unfortunately, because of the suddenness of the capitulation of Japan, 6th Army, which had been training in the Philippines for the November invasion of Kyushu, had not been able, as yet, to get teams to Japan. Mitchell directed his adjutant to call HQ and ask for instructions. The reply came almost immediately: "Get the POWs to Yokohama without delay."

During the next few hours, whirlwind conferences were held with Japanese officials in the civilian government and the local military command. In the midst of this, Maj. Mitchell turned to me and said, "You speak Japanese. You have been a POW and understand their problems and needs. Will you take charge of this?"

What could I say? I knew from recent experience how frantic the poor men were. Yet I was eager to get home, too. Six years ago almost to the day I sailed from New York on an Army transport ship for Manila. I hesitated. The major, sensing my feelings, smiled understandingly and assured me the assignment would not take long. He promised I would be in Manila sooner than the other POWs.

The Japanese lieutenant who kept eying me covertly on the train was in charge of a detail of 12 Japanese Army signalmen. He was under *my* orders. Three weeks ago I was taking orders from Japanese *privates*. Now I had a Japanese lieutenant and a whole section at my command. The Slave had suddenly become the Master!

The other Occidental sitting across from me was PFC James O'Rourke, formerly of my camp and, like me, a survivor of Bataan, the Death March and several prison camps.

At 3 a.m. we reached Onomichi station where we were met by CPO Luther A. Fariss; Nishikawa, an English-speaking Japanese interpreter, and the mayor of Onomichi. Introductions were brief and perfunctory. Our party got in a Japanese staff car with Fariss and Nishikawa.

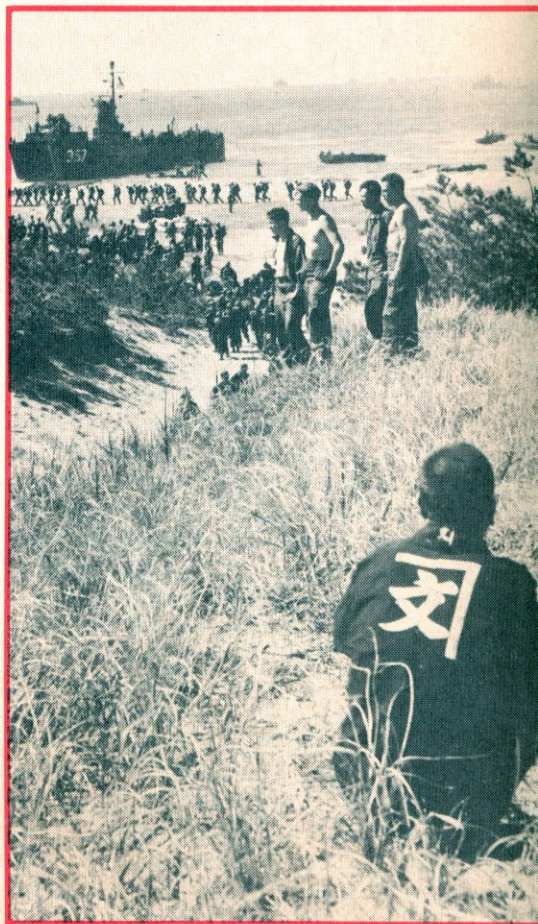
The mayor took charge of my "troops."

After a short drive, we pulled into the grounds of a small resort hotel named the Nishiyama. Bilfinger explained that he had been given use of the now-defunct building by the mayor. Also in the hotel were his two



Marines move into Sasebo. Thanks to the atomic bomb, the movement was peaceful. Note uniformed Japanese watching.

A Japanese peasant watches as American occupation troops begin landing.



assistants: a Dane and a Swede.

After receiving these orders, I called a staff conference to prepare our plan for executing our mission. We had learned the location of the ten camps. The total personnel were 3,001, of whom 523 were Americans, 487 Austrailians, 1,463 British, one Canadian, five New Zealanders, one Armenian, and 521 Dutch.

We decided we would need six trains. They would be used to evacuate the camps.

Our next step was to meet with officials from the Japanese National Railways. At 3 p.m. a delegation of five of the top officers arrived. The Japanese appeared to have no problem with scheduling the necessary cars for the trains. They would be spotted at stations in Onomichi and Uno. The remaining four trains would be used for the camps that lay south of Hiroshima.

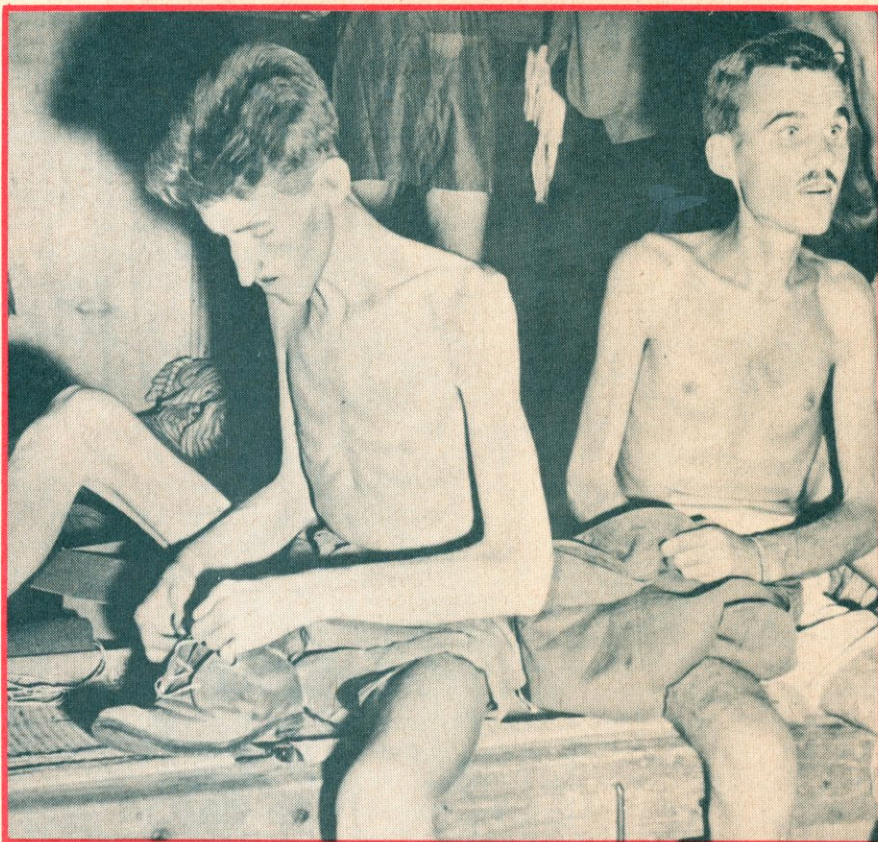
When we got back to headquarters, I was informed that the Japanese had confirmed all the arrangements for the first two trains. We could now turn our attention to the knotty problem of how to handle the Shimonoseki Prefecture camps.

The prohibition against my sending personnel through Hiroshima meant that everything had to be done by courier. This would delay the movement for an unpredictable length of time and would risk foulups through lack of timely guidance. Further, the trains would have to go up the west coast of Honshu, a longer route.

After kicking the matter around for several hours, we hit on a solution. Dr. Weidenmann, the Dane, who, as an IRC, was not bound by the GHQ directive, would go with six of the Japanese radiomen to Ube where he would be able to coordinate the instructions to the four camps.

Dr. Weidenmann and party left at 9 o'clock with the orders we had hammered out the night before. Before he left I received a message that the Navy had opened a new beach at Wakanoura, near Osaka and the four trains were to be sent there. At 11, Bilfinger, Wallden, the Swede, and I drove to the interisland ferry pier to meet the ships from Shikoku.

Men crowded the railings. As ships came closer, I could see that many of the men clearly showed the ravages of three and a half years of malnu-



Two emaciated former Japanese prisoners prepare to leave for home after being freed by Navy mercy squadrons on Aug. 29, 1945.

trition, disease and heavy labor. But today that was only an ugly memory. They were going home. That was what counted. As I watched the prow slide into the slip, the ramp that had hidden the center of the ferry came down to reveal those who were in middle of the vessel.

I stared in disbelief. In the midst of the mass of gaunt skeletons were ten round-faced, robust Occidentals. They wore starched khakis and dark brown flight jackets. On their heads were trim U.S. Army overseas caps. This was amazing! But more startling and thrilling was Old Glory flapping triumphantly in the breeze from the top of a staff carried by the man in the center of the group. My eyes blurred with tears as I saw my Flag

for the first time since the Fall of Bataan, three and one half years before. My voice croaked with a sob as I turned to Bilfinger and asked, "Who are they?"

The kindly Red Cross man, his face suffused with a broad smile, patted my shoulder sympathetically as he replied, "They are the crew of a B-29 that was shot down the day before the surrender. The Japanese transferred them to Mukaishima a few days ago."

To the gay, but somewhat discordant, strains of "God Bless America," played by a small band of POWs carrying a weird collection of makeshift instruments, the Color Guard, led by a British major, stepped off the ramp and marched smartly past us. The main body of the prisoners followed, clad in an assortment of American and British uniforms. Though some were a little wobbly and having trouble keeping step, every one was looking proud, happy and eager get to the train. As the Color Guard came abreast of us, I snapped to attention and rendered the sincerest salute I had ever given to those inspiring Stars and Stripes.

When we drew up at the hotel,

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Fariss informed me that six Japanese railroad officials from Shimono-seki were in the conference room. Also, NOH had been instructed that the last four trains would be sent to Wakanoura, a seaport near Osaka, which the U.S. Navy had just cleared.

So far, Nishikawa did not know that I was a former POW and could speak a fair brand of Japanese. As the leader of the Japanese group talked, I began to detect the intimations of trouble. While he said they would do their best to get the prisoners to their destination as soon as possible, he launched into a long-winded enumeration of all the problems he and his staff faced.

Looking at the spokesman, I said in Japanese: "I thought you were the leader of this group and the person responsible for directing the operations of the railroads in Southern Honshu. From the way your staff fails to carry out orders, I gather I am talking to the wrong person. I will report to Gen. MacArthur your inability to carry out wishes. I am sure this will be quickly brought to the attention of your government in Tokyo. Good Day."

I got up and stalked out, followed by Dr. Bilfinger and the rest of the staff. At the door, I turned and told Nishikawa that I expected a complete commitment within five minutes or I would have a radio to Tokyo within the hour. The implications had sunk in. The last obstacles appeared to evaporate, and he was in my room almost immediately with the statement that all points had been agreed to.

The results of our conference were radioed to Weidenmann with instructions to inform us immediately if anything went wrong.

Early on Sept. 13, accompanied by the two Red Cross delegates, I drove to the port of the town of Uno to meet the ferry bringing the prisoners from Niihama, Tamano and Zentsuji camps. The train was standing in the station as we headed to the pier, but we had no time to check it as we could see the ferry approaching.

All was not happy there. Bilfinger quickly explained that the train would be short seats for 40 men. I directed the stationmaster to have an additional third class coach ready to be attached to the train at Okayama.

In fairness to the Japanese, I must

say that when the time came, they carried out their duties efficiently and promptly. As has been noted, every train, except the one at Uno, was provided as directed and got off on time. Even, there, the immediate response showed that the Japanese could rise to the emergency.

Because of the ban on travel through Hiroshima, we could do nothing to help Mr. Weidenmann with the remaining four trains. Apparently, my threat was effective, as he reported that not only were all the instructions followed, but all the movements were personally monitored by key officials of the Japanese Railway Company. With the report that the last one had pulled out on time, we closed our command post and once more got on that journey home.

About the Author:

Col. Olson, who served with the Army's Philippine Scouts, was taken prisoner at the surrender of Bataan and was held by the Japanese until the end of WWII. He is the author of "O'Donnell: Andersonville of the Pacific," the story of the camp that held Americans who were on the Bataan Death March.

The Last Battle?

What the Stars and Stripes of Oct. 6, 1945, described as the last American-Japanese naval battle of World War II occurred on Aug. 19, 1945, when two small American-manned junks battled a large, heavily armed Japanese junk off the China coast.

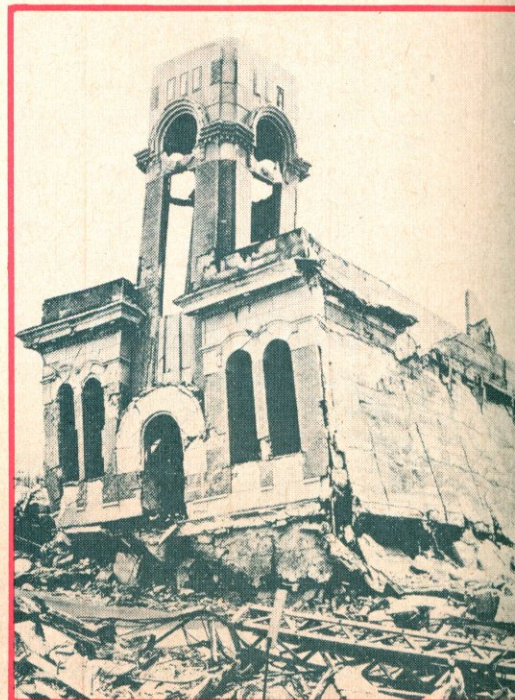
The two American vessels were on their way to Shanghai from Hainan when they encountered the Japanese junk. The Japanese fired a 75mm howitzer that killed two Chinese Tommy-gunners on one of the American junks. The Americans replied with a rocket that exploded on the Japanese junk's deck, causing heavy damage. Moments later the Japanese hoisted a dirty skivvy shirt on a bayonet.

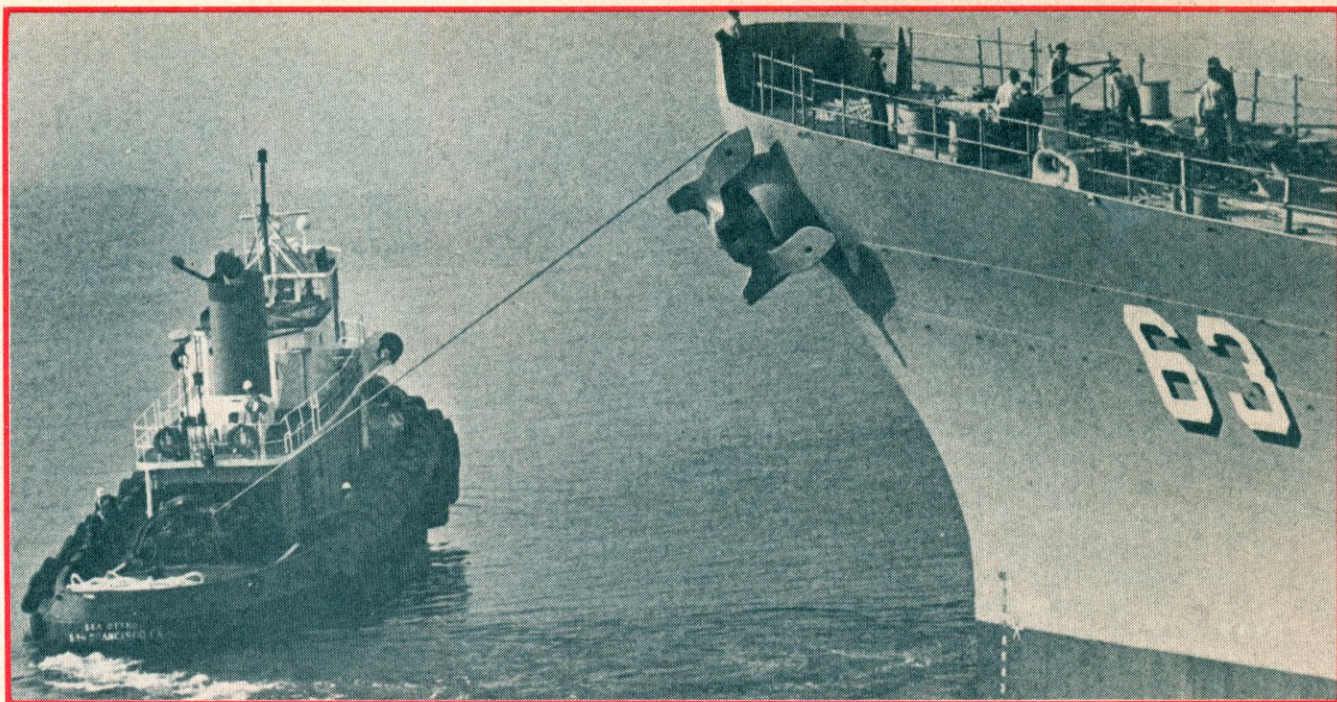
The Americans killed 43 and captured 39. The two American junks, commanded by Lt. Livingston (Swede) Swentzel, Jr., and Lt. Stuart L. Pittman, were taking Army Capt. Austin B. Cox, an Army air-ground support officer, to Shanghai. This was said to be also the first U.S. Navy battle under sail since the Civil War.



Navy officers interview Japanese army officers at a prison camp after Japan's surrender.

This steel frame building in Hiroshima still stands after the A-bomb struck. The first story columns buckled in the blast, dropping the second to the ground. Building was 2,000 feet from ground zero.





'MIGHTY MO' SOON READY TO GO

Forty years ago she was the scene of the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay, and five years later she was delivering fire support at Inchon during the Korean War — all in the month of September.

The "she" is the USS Missouri (BB-63), one of the battleships being taken out of mothballs to be restored to active Navy duty.

Next year the \$475 million two-year modernization project on the "Mighty Mo" is expected to be completed at the Long Beach, Calif., Naval Shipyard.

The 887-foot ship is one of the most powerful American warships ever built. Her keel was laid on Jan. 6, 1941, at the New York Naval Shipyard in Brooklyn, and three years later on Jan. 29, Margaret Truman, daughter of the then senior Senator from Missouri, Harry Truman, christened the giant dreadnought during the launching ceremony. USS Missouri, the fourth ship to bear the name of the "Show Me" state, was commissioned on June 11, 1944.

Though she arrived late in the war, the Missouri supported the Allied landings on Iwo Jima and

Okinawa. The Japanese surrender is marked by a bronze plaque on the ship's teakwood deck. The ship thus won her place in history.

When American forces were called to Korea, the "Mighty Mo" was in the fore. During her first deployment, the Missouri supported the United Nation's landing in the Inchon Harbor and assisted the American evacuation of Hungnam. In all, the battleship earned five battle stars for her Korea duty, two more than she had received during WWII.

Decommissioned in February, 1955, the Missouri became a popular tourist attraction in the Bremerton, Wash., area. The ship was towed to the Long Beach Naval Shipyard in May, 1984, to begin her reactivation and become the third Iowa Class battlewagon to be recommissioned.

The modernization will cost about

the same as a guided missile frigate. In addition to retaining her nine 16-inch guns, the battleship will receive Tomahawk cruise missiles, Harpoon surface-to-surface missiles, Phalanx Close-In Weapons System, expanded aviation facilities to operate three helicopters, up-to-date electronic warfare, air and search radar and communication equipment. The ship will carry a crew of approximately 1,500 officers and men.

Although more than 40 years old, she has served fewer than a dozen years in the active fleet. Her superior firepower, massive armor protection and swift speed of more than 32 knots, combined with modern weapons systems and a highly trained crew, will make the "Mighty Mo" one of the most powerful surface ships in the world.

She will be based in San Francisco.

During a recent visit to Kansas City where he spoke to a Chamber of Commerce luncheon attended by members of the VFW National Headquarters staff, Capt. A.L. Kaiss, the Missouri's skipper, said she is 108 feet in width — two feet less than the Panama Canal — and draws 58,000 tons. ■

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THE TOO-LATE 'DIVINE WIND'

By James Martin Davis

It was summer, 1945. While the war in Europe was now over, the war in the Pacific had yet to be won. American soldiers, sailors and airmen were being redeployed to the Pacific for the final showdown with Japan.

By July, 1945, America's Pacific fighting forces had island-hopped their way up the southwest and central Pacific to within 350 miles of Japan. With the capture of Okinawa, the Americans in the Pacific had finally obtained what the Allies in Europe had with England all along—a large island launching platform for the invasion of the Japanese home islands.

Few people knew then about the elaborate American invasion plans, code named Operation Downfall, that called for two powerful American fleets to be launched against the Japanese islands beginning in the fall of 1945. The American military leaders knew it would be a tough battle. Japan had never successfully been invaded, even though others had tried. Six and a half centuries before, a similar invasion had been attempted and failed. That invasion had striking similarities to the invasion being planned by the Americans in that summer of 1945.

In the year 1281 A.D., two magnificent Chinese fleets set sail for the Empire of Japan. Their purpose was to launch a massive invasion on the Japanese home islands and to conquer Japan in the name of the great Mongol Emperor Kublai Khan.

Sailing from China was the main armada, consisting of 3,500 ships and more than 100,000 heavily armed troops. Sailing from ports in Korea was a second impressive fleet of 900 ships, containing 42,000 Mongol warriors.

In the summer of that year, the invasion force sailing from Korea arrived off the western shores of the southernmost Japanese island of Kyushu. The Mongols maneuvered their ships into position and methodically launched their assault on the Japanese coast. Like a human

surf, wave after wave of those Oriental soldiers swept ashore at Hagata Bay, where they were met on the beaches by thousands of Japanese defenders.

The Mongol invasion force was a modern army equipped with weapons far superior to those of the Japanese. Its soldiers were armed with poisoned arrows, maces, iron swords, metal javelins and even gunpowder. The Japanese defended themselves with bows and arrows, swords, spears made from bamboo and wooden shields.

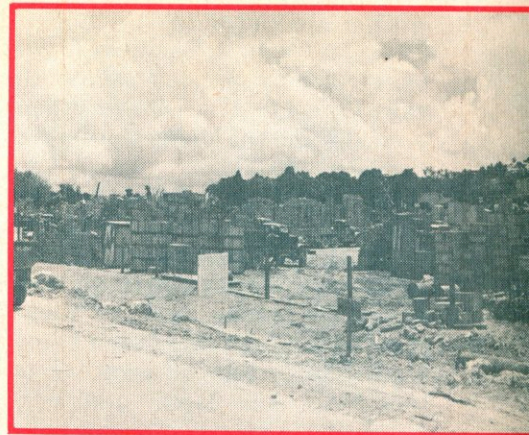
The battle was fierce. Many soldiers were killed or wounded on both sides. It raged on for days, but aided by fortifications along their beaches of which the Mongols had no advance knowledge and inspired by the sacred cause of their homeland's defense, these ancient Japanese warriors pushed much stronger Mongol invaders off the beaches and back into their ships lying at anchor in the bay.

This Mongol fleet then set back out to sea, where it rendezvoused with the main body of its army, which was arriving with the second fleet coming from China.

During the summer of 1281, this combined force of foreign invaders maneuvered off shore in preparation for its main assault on the western shores of Kyushu.

All over Japan elaborate Shinto ceremonies were performed at shrines in the cities and in the countryside. Hundreds of thousands of Japanese urged on by their emperor, their warlords and other officials prayed to their Shinto gods for deliverance from these foreign invaders who had come to defile their homeland. A million Japanese voices called upward for divine intervention.

Miraculously, as if in answer to their prayers, from out of the south a savage typhoon sprang up and headed toward Kyushu. Its powerful winds screamed up the coast where they struck the Mongols' invasion fleet with full fury, wreaking havoc



This is a small portion of the supplies stockpiled on Okinawa for the invasion of Japan, made unnecessary by the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Ships and much equipment were destroyed in the devastating typhoon that struck Okinawa.



Ground crew poses with Enola Gay, the B-29 that dropped the A-bomb on Hiroshima. Pilot, Col. Paul W. Tibbets, is in the center.



This bar in Manila changed its name with the headlines. Its final name being erected says it all.

on the ships and on the men aboard them. The Mongol fleet was devastated. After the typhoon had passed, more than 4,000 invasion craft had been lost and the Mongol casualties exceeded 100,000.

All over Japan religious services and huge celebrations were held. Everywhere tumultuous crowds gathered in thanksgiving to pay homage to the "divine wind" — "Kamikaze" — that had saved their homeland from foreign invasion. At no time since has Japan ever been successfully invaded. The Japanese fervently believed that it was this "divine wind" that would forever protect them.

In the summer of 1945, another powerful armada of foreign invaders was being assembled to assault this same western coastline on the island of Kyushu, where six and a half centuries earlier the Mongols had been repelled.

The first invasion, code named Operation Olympic, would set sail in October, 1945, and was scheduled to hit the beaches of the southern island of Kyushu on Nov. 1, 1945.

Contingent on the success of the first invasion, the second assault, code named Operation Coronet, would be launched to invade the main Japanese island of Honshu and to occupy the Tokyo plains on March 1, 1946.

The initial invasion of Kyushu, scheduled for Nov. 1, 1945, called for 14 Army and Marine divisions to be transported by ship to hit the western, eastern and southern shoreline of Kyushu. The floating invasion force would consist of 550,000 combat soldiers, tens of thousands of sailors and hundreds of naval aviators.

The assault fleet would consist of thousands of ships of every shape, size and description, ranging from mammoth battleships and aircraft carriers to small amphibious landing craft. They would be sailing from Okinawa, the Philippines and the Marianas.

Crucial to the invasion's success were the nearly 4,000 Army, Navy and Marine aircraft that would be packed onto the small island of Okinawa for direct air support of the landing forces at the time of the invasion.

By July, 1945, the Japanese knew the Americans were planning to in-

vade their homeland. Several key military leaders had correctly guessed when and where the first invasions would take place. Throughout the early summer, Emperor Hirohito and his government exhorted the military and civilian population to make preparations for the invasion.

Immense underground fortifications, unknown to the American invaders, were constructed. Thousands of suicide aircraft were made ready and kept in reserve for the invasion. In underground factories all over Japan, suicide boats and submarines were being built. Armies were moved south from Honshu and Korea into Kyushu. Schools were closed and children were taught how to use weapons and hand grenades. All over the countryside civilian attack units were being formed.

The Japanese radios throughout the summer cried out to the people to "form a wall of human flesh" and when the invasion began, to push the invaders back into the sea, back onto their ships.

The Japanese people fervently believed that the American invaders would be repelled. They all seemed to share a mystical faith that their country could never be invaded successfully and that they again would be saved by the "divine wind."

On Aug. 6, 1945, with both the Americans and Japanese preparing for the invasion scheduled for late that fall, the first atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. On Aug. 9, 1945, a second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. Finally, the long bloody war in the Pacific was over.

Almost immediately American soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who had been in for the duration were being discharged. The aircraft carriers, cruisers, transport ships and LSTs that had previously been scheduled to carry the invasion troops to Japan on Nov. 1, 1945, were now ferrying home Americans in a

gigantic troop-lift called Magic Carpet.

The soldiers and Marines who had been committed to invade Japanese soil were now being welcomed back to America's shores. All over America celebrations were being held. Families everywhere gathered in thanksgiving because these soldiers, spared the deadly ordeal, were now returning home safely.

With the war now over, few Americans would ever learn of the elaborate, top-secret plans that had been prepared in detail for that invasion. Those few American military leaders who had known about Operation Downfall were now preoccupied with demobilization and other post-war matters. They were no longer concerned with the invasion that never came.

By Oct. 1, 1945, the classified documents and maps and diagrams and appendices for Operation Downfall were packed away into boxes where they began their long, circuitous route to the National Archives.

On Okinawa in the fall of 1945, approximately only 200,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen remained. Okinawa, which would have been the major launching platform for the invasion of Japan, was now peaceful.

In October, Buckner Bay, on the east coast of Okinawa, was still jammed with vessels of all kinds — from Victory ships to landing craft. On the island itself, 150,000 soldiers lived under miles of canvas. All over the island, hundreds of tons of food, equipment and supplies stacked in immense piles lay out in the open.

During the early part of October, to the southwest of Okinawa just northeast of the Marianas, the seas were growing restless and the winds began to blow. The ocean skies slowly turned black and the large swells that were developing began to turn the Pacific Ocean white with froth. In a matter of only a few days, a gigantic typhoon had somehow, out of season, sprung to life and began sweeping past Saipan and into the Philippine Sea. As the storm grew more violent, it raced northward and kicked up waves 60 feet high.

Navy meteorologists eventually became aware of the storm, but they expected it to pass well between Formosa and Okinawa and disappear into the East China Sea.

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Inexplicably, on the evening of Oct. 8, the storm changed direction and abruptly veered to the east. When it did so, there was insufficient warning to allow the ships in the harbor to get under way in order to escape the typhoon's terrible violence. By late morning of the 9th, rain was coming down in torrents; the seas were rising and visibility was zero. Winds, now over 80 miles an hour blowing from the east and northeast, caused small craft in Buckner Bay to drag their anchors.

By early afternoon, the wind had risen to over 100 miles an hour; the rain coming in horizontally now was more salt than fresh, and even the larger vessels began dragging anchor under the pounding of 50-foot seas.

As the winds continued to increase and the storm unleashed its fury, the entire bay became a scene of devastation. Ships dragging their anchors collided with one another, hundreds of vessels were blown ashore. Vessels in groups of twos and threes were washed ashore into masses of wreckage that began to accumulate on the beaches.

Numerous ships had to be abandoned, while their crews were precariously transferred aboard ships.

By mid-afternoon, the typhoon had reached its raging peak with winds, now coming from the north and the northeast, blowing up to 150 miles an hour. Ships initially grounded by the storm were now blown off the reefs and back across the bay to the south shore, dragging their anchors the entire way. More collisions occurred between wind-blown ships and shattered hulks.

Gigantic waves swamped small vessels and engulfed larger ones. Ships lost their propellers, while men in transports, destroyers and Victory ships were swept off the decks by 60-foot waves that reached the tops of the vessels' masts.

On shore, the typhoon was devastating the island. Twenty hours of torrential rain washed out roads and ruined the island's stores of rations and supplies. Aircraft was picked up and catapulted off the airfields, huge quonset huts went sailing into the air, metal hangars were ripped to shreds, and the tent cities, housing 150,000 troops on the island, ceased to exist.

Almost the entire food supply on the island was blown away. Ameri-

cans on the island had nowhere to go but into the caves, trenches and ditches of the island to survive. All over the island tents, boards and sections of galvanized iron were being hurled through the air at more than 100 miles per hour.

The storm raged over the island for hours. Then it slowly headed out to sea. But it doubled back, and two days later howled in from the ocean to hit the island again. On the following day, when the typhoon had finally passed, dazed men crawled out of their holes and caves to assess the losses.

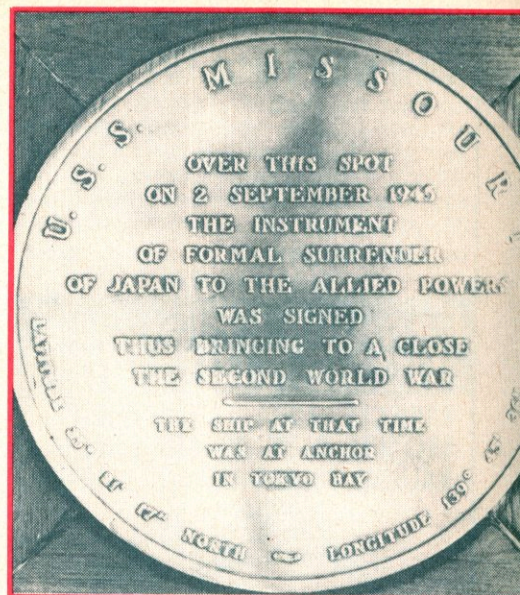
Countless aircraft had been destroyed; all power was gone; communications and supplies were nonexistent. B-29s were requisitioned to rush in tons of rations and supplies from the Marianas. Gen. Joseph Stilwell, the 10th Army commander, asked for immediate plans to evacuate all hospital cases from the island. Harbor facilities were useless.

After the typhoon roared out into the Sea of Japan and started to die its slow death, bodies began to wash ashore. The toll of ships was staggering. Almost 270 ships were sunk, grounded or damaged beyond repair. Fifty-three ships in too bad a state to be restored to duty were decommissioned, stripped and abandoned. Out of 90 ships which needed major repair, the Navy decided only 10 were even worthy of complete salvage. So the remaining 80 were scrapped.

According to Samuel Eliot Morrison, the famous naval historian, Typhoon Louise was the most furious and lethal storm ever encountered by the U.S. Navy in its entire history. Hundreds of Americans were killed, injured and missing. Ships were sunk and Okinawa was in havoc.

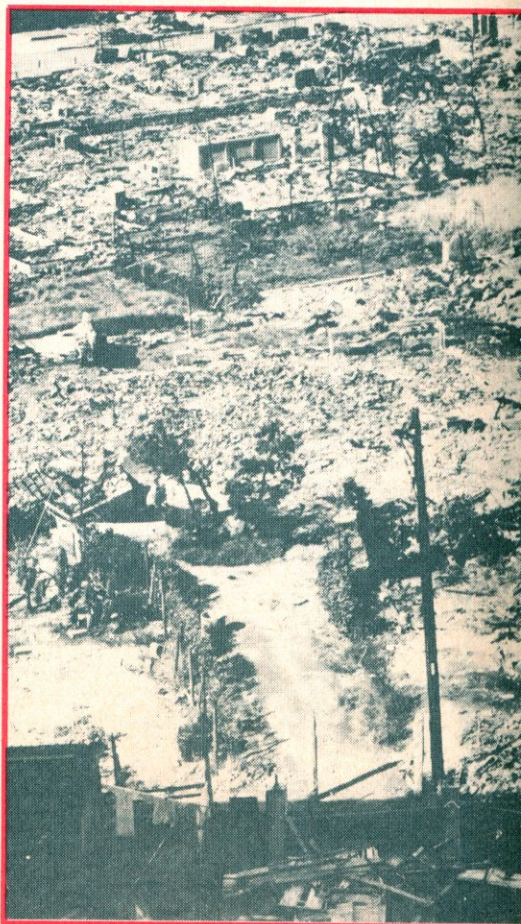
News accounts of the time disclose that the press and the public back home paid little attention to the storm that struck the Pacific with such force. The very existence of this storm is still little known except to those who were there.

Surprisingly, few people have made the connection that an American invasion fleet of thousands of ships, planes and landing craft and a half million men might well have been in that exact place at that exact time, poised to strike Japan, when this typhoon enveloped Okinawa and its surrounding seas. ■



This plaque marks the spot on the USS Missouri where the Japanese surrendered.

This view of Hiroshima's destruction was taken from the Red Cross hospital about a mile from ground zero.



VA Research Frees Disabled

By Donna St. John

Jim Mayer might seem like one of thousands of other physical fitness buffs who have taken up jogging in this country. But he isn't. Jim Mayer wears artificial limbs.

Mayer, who lost both legs below the knees when he stepped on a land mine in Vietnam in 1969, is demonstrating the progress that has been made in the refinement of artificial limbs in this country.

Mayer had tried wearing different types of artificial limbs in the past, but none seemed to fit properly. After having surgery on the end of one of his amputated limbs, he was fitted with the "Seattle Foot"—a revolutionary prosthetic device developed at the VA Medical Center in Seattle, Wash.

Wearing the Seattle Foot has changed his life. Says Mayer, "It's as if my calf muscles are attached to me [feet]. I haven't felt that since April 24, 1969."

By analyzing the running gait of a number of amputees who were wearing limbs then generally available, VA investigator Dr. Ernest Burgess and a research team at the Seattle hospital were able to fashion an artificial foot that mimicked the actual movements of the human foot and calf muscle.

Molded out of fiberglass, plastic and foam, the Seattle Foot stores energy in the super-strength plastic, and then releases it at the time the toes lift off the ground. The foot allows its wearer to move quickly, run and play such sports as basketball and soccer—activities previously denied to most amputees.

Burgess and his research team had begun their work in 1979, hoping to develop an entire "family" of improved artificial limbs.

This need to refine the existing technology for crafting artificial limbs has been a goal of VA research since World War II when such efforts

launched VA's medical and prosthetic research program. In the early days of postwar research, companies under contract with VA began to replace the wood and leather artificial limbs with ones crafted of steel and plastic.

Progress also was made in perfecting sockets for artificial legs. The result—cutting out the need for cumbersome harnesses—was that the amputee was made more mobile.

The discoveries of VA researchers who analyzed how artificial limbs worked and moved also made it possible for surgeons to develop improved amputation techniques to preserve the use of certain muscles and tendons.

The new materials and designs

made it easier for their wearers to master many of the basic activities of daily living, as well as finding and holding successful jobs.

VA-developed techniques during this postwar period set the standard for molding and fitting artificial limbs, not only in this country but also throughout most of the world.

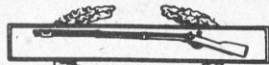
VA still enjoys a leadership role in rehabilitation research and has been responsible for most of the major developments in this field during the past three decades.

From those wood and leather limbs of World War II have evolved not only the Seattle Foot but also high tech innovations as a computer-generated voice that teaches Braille and complex, electrically



Wearing two "Seattle feet," Jim Mayer, of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, jogs with Rep. Bob Edgar (Pa.), right, to demonstrate VA rehabilitation research, which was a subject of Congressional hearings. With them in Washington, Peter Axelson, a biomedical engineer at the Palo Alto, Calif., VA Medical Center, rides the sportbike, developed by the VA for paraplegics.

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VITAL SIGNS

controlled artificial arms that allow their wearer to grasp a pencil or pick up coins from a tabletop.

Among VA's latest achievements is the robotic arm, designed for use by quadriplegics. The user gives voice commands to the computer-controlled arm, which echoes the orders. In graceful movements, the arm can remove a plate of food from a refrigerator, load it into a microwave, remove and set the plate on a table. It can actually strike a match and light a candle, as well as raise a glass, complete with a straw, to the user's lips.

This example of a new generation of robotic equipment may one day aid the estimated 7 million severely handicapped people in the U.S. Developed at VA's Rehabilitation Research and Development Center in Palo Alto, Calif., the robotic arm's movements can be choreographed to enable it to turn the pages of a book and punch keys on a typewriter.

Perhaps the most remarkable breakthrough in VA rehabilitation research is in treatment of the spinal-cord injured.

A research team at the Cleveland VA Medical Center has demonstrated that paralyzed persons may one day have a limited ability to walk.

In a study of eight paraplegics, electrodes were implanted in their paralyzed leg muscles just under the skin. Using a portable computer, the study subjects control a flow of electrical current to wires emerging through the skin that are connected to the electrodes. The current stimulates the nerves, which in turn activate the muscles. Each function is controlled—standing, taking one step to the right, one to the left, with stops in between.

Sam Khawam, an industrial engineer, is one of the eight subjects in the study.

Before volunteering to take part, Sam could not walk or stand—even for a few minutes. He felt no sensation in his legs. A single step was often an insurmountable barrier for him and prevented him from participating in many activities most of

us take for granted.

Since his involvement in the study, Sam has been able to take steps across a room using a walker and has just begun climbing stairs.

Electrical stimulation of his paralyzed leg muscles has not freed him from a wheelchair, but it has made an enormous difference in the quality of Sam's life—both physically and mentally.

The technology being developed at the Cleveland VA Medical Center has allowed Sam to take that single step that makes some of those insurmountable barriers disappear.

Approximately 400,000 men and women in the U.S. have damaged spinal cords. Their numbers grow by 10,000 annually. Thousands of others—victims of stroke, head injury, cerebral palsy and multiple sclerosis—also have lost the ability to walk.

In the past, it was considered medically certain that these people would never walk again. But the new attitude in the medical community reflected in the work done at the Cleveland VA Medical Center is now based on the expectation that a limited ability to walk may one day be a reality for paraplegics.

The study at the Cleveland VA Medical Center is continuing, and researchers hope eventually to replace the electrodes with a totally internal system that uses an external radio frequency control.

Other VA rehabilitation research projects, like the Seattle Foot and the robotic arm, also are still in the development or test stages.

Some, like the sport-bike, a specially designed bicycle for the disabled, and the sit-ski, a sled for paraplegics, have been available commercially for a few years.

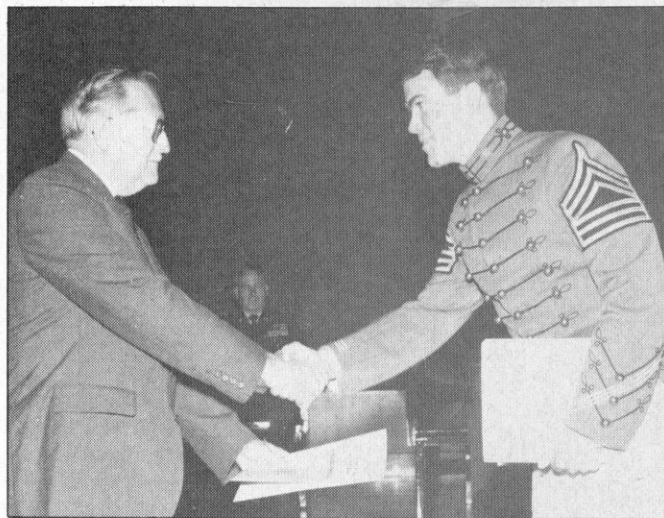
Thousands of research projects currently are underway throughout the VA medical system, as VA researchers continue to refine existing technology in their search for new ways to aid the handicapped—veteran and non-veteran alike.

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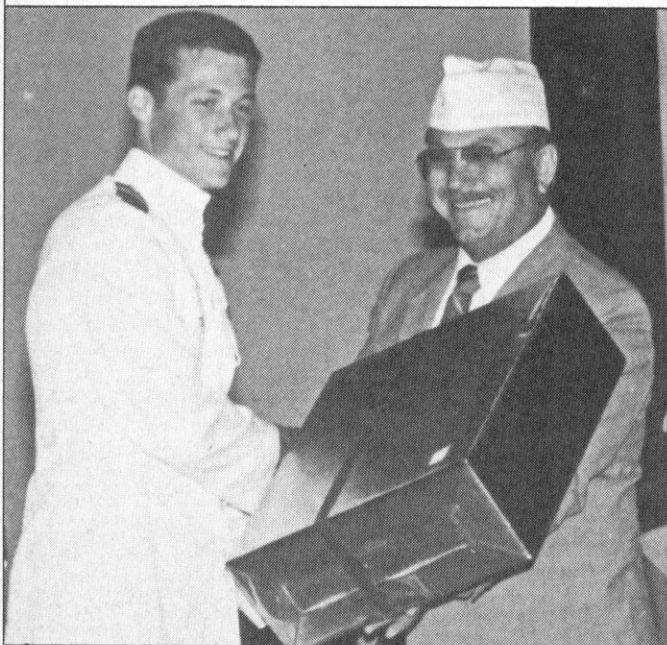
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Commander-in-Chief Billy Ray Cameron presents the VFW Brig. Gen. Peter R. Moody award to Cadet 1/c Lynn M. Steer for her selection as Outstanding Cadet in English. The presentation was made during Air Force Academy graduation ceremonies.



Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief John S. Staum presents the VFW award to Cadet Robert P. Hattan at United States Military Academy graduation ceremonies.



At U.S. Coast Guard Academy individual proficiency awards ceremonies, Christopher J. Lutat receives engraved silver service from Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Norman G. Staab for his outstanding record in studies in the humanities.



Leo Andrews, VFW Washington Office, presents the VFW award to Jeffrey Hoyle at U.S. Naval Academy graduation ceremonies.



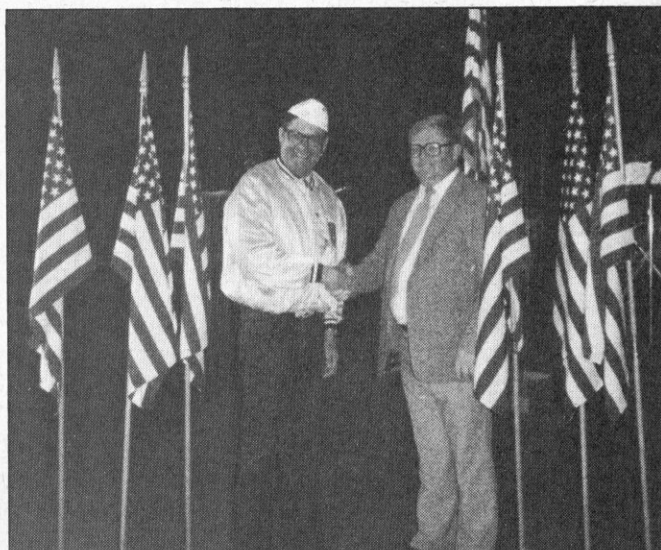
Taking part in the Leadership Seminar at National Headquarters as Outstanding District Commanders are first row, center, Harry Burroughs, District 21, Florida; and second row, starting second from left, Tom Pearson, District 20, California; Perry Hickman, District 14, Arkansas; Roscoe Staley, District 19, Florida; and Jerry Kolb, District 20, Pennsylvania; With them are, first row, Commander-in-Chief Billy Ray Cameron and Adjutant Gen. Howard E. Vander Clute, Jr. Extreme left, second row, is Assist. Adjutant Gen. Edward L. Burnham. Third row: Membership Director Benny Bachand, Assist. Adjutant Gen. Curtis M. Jewell, Commander Frank Jaroszenski, District 9, Pennsylvania; and Assist. Quartermaster Gen. James Bowden.



These members of the Sons of the VFW and Junior Girls, sponsored by Post 5896, Farmington, Mo., distributed gifts to the veteran patients at the Poplar Bluff VA Hospital.



Honor Guard of Post 6498, Milwaukee, stands at attention in front of a picture of the new 22-cent stamp unveiled and put on sale first at Waubeka, Wis., home of Flag Day.



Commander Lyle Puettman, of Post 10677, Casper, Wyo., presents six classroom Flags to Principal Doyle, of Lighthouse Church School.

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A Nicaraguan "freedom fighter," aided by Post 10212, Miami, is recovering in Miami General Hospital. With him are Commander Jose Torriente and Chairman Jose Basulto, chairman of the Post's humanitarian aid.

Members of Post 10212, Miami, are working to fulfill VFW goals in assisting with humanitarian aid for the Nicaraguan Contras.

Report Post Commander Jose Torriente and Chairman Jose Basulto, of the Post's Humanitarian Aid Committee, a generator bought by the Post was shipped to a field hospital operated by the Nicaraguan Democratic Force.

In addition, they say, the Post collected donations of medicine, clothing and 3,000 pairs of shoes. No cash was contributed. Two Post members supervised the delivery to Central America. This was videotaped by WPLG, a Miami television station, and aired as a three-part series.

The Post last year aided a Miami Spanish-language radio station in collecting relief goods for the "freedom fighters" and their families in Honduran refugee camps, they report.

Last spring, the Post, according to Torriente and Basulto, began assisting three young Nicaraguan anti-Sandinistas who were brought to the U.S. for medical treatment, aided by Miami General Hospital, with services provided by area doc-

tors and contributions from Post members.

The Post is named for Jose Marti, revered by Cubans as their Thomas Jefferson.

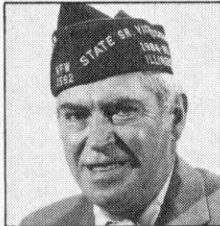
Jamestown, N.D., Post 760 has had an 8' x 4' sign put up in the Civic Center, just below the electrically operated scoreboards, informing the public that Post 760 has donated all 50 state 5' x 3' flags on poles, including a Canadian flag, which is hung at the same height as the U.S. Flag. In addition, Post 760 recently bought and donated the large 18' x 12' nylon U.S. Flag, hung properly on the Civic Center west wall, complete with a large spotlight. This is turned on each time the National Anthem is played for any public activities in the Civic Center.

Members and bingo players of Post 706 and Auxiliary, Pensacola, Fla., have earned their "angel wings" for their contribution of \$850 to the American Cancer Society, funds raised from donations to the cancer table on bingo nights.

Recently, Fidel Q. Torres, a World War II veteran, was honored by Post 5615, El Paso, Texas, of which he is a life and charter member. Among presentations made to him was the Bronze Star, 40 years late. That and other mementos of the occasion were given Torres by District 10 Sr. Vice Commander Pedro Arredondo. Torres for 25 years has played Santa Claus at the Post's Christmas party for children. He also is an instructor in citizenship classes in English and Spanish.

Grady Blackshear, of 2572 Hollins Street, Baltimore, Md., is seeking Roger Gamble, L.C. Robinson and Henry S. Hall. They were at Hammer Field, Fresno, Calif., between January and July, 1943, when Blackshear stopped a trespasser while on guard duty. Hall was a second lieutenant then; the other two were privates. Blackshear says he was complimented for his action and assured of an award which he has never received. He is seeking the three as witnesses.

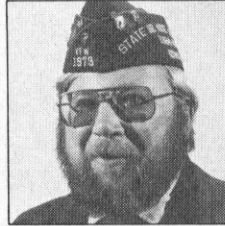
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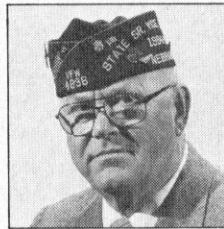
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Pictures of Western, Eastern and Southern Conferences State and Department Commanders will appear in subsequent issues.

National Aides-de-Camp

The following VFW members have distinguished themselves by winning appointments as National Aides-de-Camp, Recruiting Class, for the month of July, 1985. To be eligible for this award, a member must

collect the dues of at least 50 new and/or reinstated members.

Joseph Campbell and James D. Goudy, Post 9659, Ramstein, Germany. Arthur Harris and Lee V. Lollis, Post 5179, San Diego,

Calif., and Joseph J. Younker, Post 3620, Gloucester, N.J.; Joseph W. Driesse, Post 6012, San Antonio, Texas; Alva Nash, Post 4586, Mansfield, La.

Marty



Post 3579 Reaches Out

by Joan M. Maiman

For Donald Day, who served in Vietnam as a Navy corpsman in 1965-66, the road home from that war has been a long one.

When Day returned to the States, he worked as a paramedic with the Chicago Fire Department and thought he was well on his way to putting that year in Vietnam behind him.

Like others, however, Day was to find that experiences of the Vietnam War kept returning to haunt him. Medical and emotional problems stemming from his service caused him to lose his job. A period of unemployment followed.

Now a member of VFW Post 3579 in Park Ridge, Ill., he heads his own security firm and is determined to see that his fellow veterans who may find themselves burdened with post-Viet-

nam-related problems have a place to turn. That place is the VFW.

With 2,828 members, Post 3579 is the nation's second largest VFW Post. Commander Stanley Baranski is a Korean war veteran who rates high with Day and the Post's 115 Vietnam veterans.

The Park Ridge Post is unique in its outreach to those who served in the nation's longest and most controversial conflict.

Outlining the program's origins, Day recalls that he had been a member of a VFW Post in California when he first returned from Vietnam, but he was not "comfortable" with the older vets.

When he moved to Illinois, he rejoined the VFW. After getting back on his feet, following a period of coun-

seling for his stress problems, he went to then Post Commander Richard Bohannon and then Sr. Vice Commander Stanley Baranski, of Post 3579, late in 1982 to explain his proposal and stressed that the program would be not only for VFW members but for all Vietnam veterans seeking a helping hand.

"Both men were behind me from the start," Day says. "They asked me to accept a position as Post chairman of Vietnam veterans' programs."

Initially, it was seen as a social group, but Day and others working on the idea quickly realized that it could do much more. The veterans also saw a need for their wives to be involved. Day's wife, a member of the Post Ladies Auxiliary and a registered nurse, worked out a plan for the wives

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to attend sessions separate from the veterans' groups.

"This helps the wives to realize they are not alone in facing their husbands' problems and to be with others who really understand," says Day. "The mother and sister of a veteran came to one of those sessions, as they needed help in understanding how Vietnam had changed their son and brother."

The need to include families in Vietnam-related counseling is now widely acknowledged, but few programs are available for them and the Post wanted to meet this need for the relatives who sometimes feel as if "they went to Vietnam, in a way," the Post leaders indicated.

The American Psychiatric Association now recognizes Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in its Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders and in some cases the VA awards disability compensation for it.

According to the National Associa-

tion of Social Workers Journal, experts place the number of those who served in Vietnam affected to some degree by PTSD at between 500,000 and 1.5 million of the some 3 million servicemen and women who served.

Experts agree that the severity of symptoms of the disorder may vary from minimal to severe enough to render a veteran almost nonfunctional.

Many of the young soldiers returned home to find that the anti-war movement in this country had turned not only against the war, but against those who had fought in it.

Notes Navy Vietnam veteran Tom Vazquez, a participant in the Park Ridge program: "I wondered what I did wrong when I came home. I felt safer in Vietnam than I did at home."

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the group which a veteran has hidden for 15 years or longer," notes Day.

Baranski stresses that no pressure to join the VFW is placed on those who come to the groups.

Also, as Vazquez and Day agree, "This is the 1980s and there is the reality of strength in numbers. In other words, as we address our needs and concerns, especially about jobs, Agent Orange and stress, we need to have the power of the VFW behind us."

Day says he has found a fellowship with older veterans through his association with the VFW.

"When we came back from Vietnam, we were told by some that we had 'lost our war.' But now some of the older men realize that Vietnam really was different. We did not have frontlines and we could not measure our progress by keeping track of territory won as they could in their war."

Vazquez and Day are angry at the way the media often have portrayed

Vietnam veterans as "crazed killers" and ashamed of their country.

"Most of the veterans I know are proud to have served our country and would do it again," says Vazquez, whose father was killed in the Korean War.

"We want to bring all the men and women who served in Vietnam all the way home," says Day. "The VFW can play a vital role in this process with programs such as the one we have here in Park Ridge. We are a part of the Post, but we also have the freedom to address our special needs thanks to the Post leadership."

Illinois Past Department Commander George Cramer, a Vietnam veteran and member of the Illinois Agent Orange Study Commission, added his support for the Park Ridge program:

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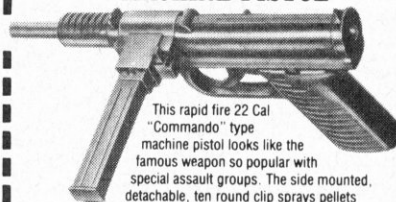
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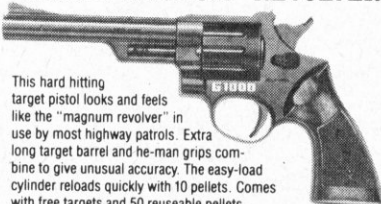
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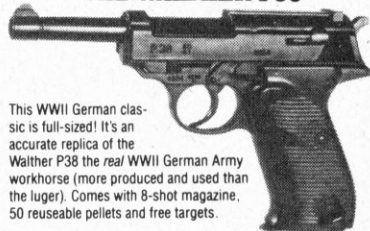
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Following the perfection of the original appeal, the case was forwarded to the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) in Washington, only to be returned to the San Francisco Regional Office for additional development.

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BVA concluded that all relevant evidence had finally been assembled.

The case was not yet ready for final disposition, however. Believing that the issue on appeal involved certain medical complexities, the BVA obtained an opinion from the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. This, as it turned out, was invaluable for the institute held that McIntyre's skin condition was indeed related to his World War II service. BVA Accepted the opinion, and, thus, service connection was established.

The VFW's efforts not only gained McIntyre's service connection, but also played a role in the subsequent grant of a 100% rating, effective September, 1979, and a retroactive award amounting to \$67,021.

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4TH Ferry Grp., HQ (Long Beach, Calif., spring 1943)—Seeking anyone who remembers my forced landing of P-51 at Parks Air College in St. Louis and the transfer of the pilot to Chanute AFB, Rantoul, Ill., by Army Air Corps ambulance.—C.R. (Ray) Clark, Jr., Rt. 6 Box 123, Florence, SC 29501.

Carswell AFB, Crew of S-35 (Ft. Worth, Texas, 1955)—Seeking members of Lt. Col. McKenney's crew regarding atomic tests at Nevada test site for Operations Teapot, Shot Turk and Met.—Herbert Holmes, POB 125, Clarksburg, WV 26301.

ALL BRANCHES

Okinawa, Broadcasting and Visual Activities (1958-59)—Seeking anyone in unit, esp. Wally McComber, Wade Foresythe, Ralph Adamson.—Keith Ackerson, POB 555, Independence, KS 67301.

Accra, British West Africa (1944-45)—Seeking anyone who will verify that military personnel were required to take atabrine daily for prevention of malaria.—J.R. Guidry, Rt. 2 Box 344, High Springs, FL 32643.

ARMY

351st Inf., Tank Co. (Trieste, 1953-54)—Seeking anyone who remembers my back condition and subsequently being sent to QM school for personnel clerk, esp. CO, 1st Sgt. and company clerk.—Leonard M. Manahan, RD 3, Box 236, Towanda, PA 18848.

4th Rcn. Bn., HQ & HQ Co. (Linz, Austria, 1954-55)—Seeking anyone who remembers my back condition and the letter from my doctor put in my 201 file recommending medical discharge if I became unable to pull duty, esp. David Maday of personnel.—Leonard M. Manahan, RD 3, Box 236, Towanda, PA 18848.

10th Corps Evac. (Nov.-Dec. 1952) & 501st Trans. Trk. Co. (Dec. 1952)—Seeking anyone who remembers concussion I suffered.—James (Andy) Endicott, 8551 Sleepy Hollow NE, Woodburn, OR 97071.

410th AAA Gun Bn., Btry. D (Corsica, 1944)—Seeking anyone on the 90mm gun when I was blinded by the gun flash and damage was done to my ears.—Pvt. Ernest F. Richards, 14 Gardner Rd., Baldwinville, MA 01436.

25th Div., 35th Rgt., Co. I (Korea, June, 1953)—Seeking anyone who witnessed a bunker cave in on me on M.I.R.—Bernard Connell, 6849 18th St. N, St. Petersburg, FL 33702.

7th Div., 32d Inf., Co. A (Okinawa, April-Sept. 1945)—Seeking CO Lt. Odenbreit (Mass. or Md.) to verify hearing disability.—Gilley R. Hale, POB 424, Stanwood, WA 98292.

97th Div., 389th FA, Btry. C (March 4-June 24, 1945, Central Europe)—Seeking anyone in 4th platoon.—James T. Clendenin, 225 E Oak, Crowley, LA 70526.

11th Armd. Cav. Rgt., 1st Sqdn., How. Btry. (Vietnam, July 1967-Aug. 1968)—Seeking anyone in unit who knew me.—John R. Wilson, 14671 McCrumb Rd., Eagle, MI 48822.

5th Special Forces, Det. B-51 (Dong Ba Thin, Vietnam, Feb.-Oct. 1967)—Seeking anyone in unit with knowledge of the physical difficulties with left leg and the problems in performing physical exercises; claim related to disabling rheumatoid arthritis condition.—Montgomery S. Frye, Rt. 1 Box 61, Saltville, VA 24370.

79th Ord. Det. GMGS Hawk, 97th Arty. Grp. (Tan Son Nhut Airbase, Vietnam, 1968)—Seeking anyone who remembers Shelby Wayne Morse from Providence, Ky.—Sandra L. Morse, POB 482, Princeton, KY 42445.

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80th Div., 317th Rgt. (Saarbrücken, Germany, Nov. 28, 1944, 10a.m.-2 p.m.), Stalag 4D (Torgen, Elbe Prov.) & Stalag 3A (Nov. 28, 1944-May 18, 1955)—Seeking anyone with information about capture; shot twice in legs; treated by German medics.—Johnny A. Baker, c/o Gerald Collins, POB 506, Wolf Point, MT 59201.

762d Tank Bn. (June 1944)—Seeking members of unit and doctor who treated knee wound.—Dale L. Lee, 7614 W 96th St., Overland Park, KS 66212.

Ft. Dix, N.J., Basic Trng. Unit B-52 (Jan. 10, 1970)—Seeking witnesses to back injury incurred while participating in 150-yard man carry during physical training test, esp. 1st Sgt. Long; Capt. Shalom Abboudi, attending physician at Walson Army Hosp.; Sgt. Paul Kapus, drill instructor from Wheeling, W. Va.; and Capt. Carter, CO.—Dennis E. Reed, 12 Mazzilli Dr., Carver, MA 02330.

83d Div., 329th Inf. Rgt., Co. F (St. Lo, France, July 1944)—Seeking anyone who knew of my being injured and/or the ambulance being hit, leaving us stranded overnight.—Roland Tripoli, 111 N Rengstorff Ave., Mtn. View, CA 94043.

30th Inf. Div., 118th FA Bn., Btry. (Aachen, Germany)—Seeking witnesses to jeep accident in battle zone resulting in head and spinal injuries, esp. Lt. Van Houten, Cpl. John (Andy) Anderson (in jeep), 1st Sgt. Hogan and Cpl. Clark, battery clerk.—Cpl. Jack W. Mears, 11222 E Mercury Dr., Apache Jct., AZ 85220.

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American Div., 196th LIB, 17th Cav., F Trp., 2d Pltn. (Vietnam, 1968-69)—Seeking anyone who remembers me being hospitalized with knee injury, esp. Capt. James Owens, Jr., CO; Lt. Reed, platoon leader; Paul Camp, company clerk; Lt. Allan W. Estey, Sgt. Henry Sweeten and Capt. McCauley.—Coleman C. (Tootie) Lowry, POB 203, Jones Mill, AR 72105.

27th Bn., 2d Trans. Co. (Quinhon, Vietnam, 1966-67)—Seeking anyone remembers land mine explosion which injured my leg, arm and back, while on convoy from An Khe.—Alfred Montgomery, 465 Colonial Ct., Grosse Pte. Farms, MI 48236.

1st Bn., 69th Armor, Co. A (Vietnam, Jan. 23-Aug. 19, 1969)—Seeking anyone in unit, esp. crewmen of 32: Doc, Kenny, Oliver and Sgt. Baker, who remembers head injury I incurred.—William R. Jackson, 714 Basswood Rd., Columbus, OH 43207.

Camp Blanding, Fla., & Camp Shelby, Miss., Basic Trng.—Seeking anyone who can verify service and medical records; inducted July 28, 1945.—J.P. Williams, Rt. 1 Box 352, Perry, FL 32347.

86th Div., Signal Corps (Aug. 7, 1943-Jan. 28, 1946)—Widow of T-5 Cecil French needs substantiation of husband's service record.—Bernice V. French, #8-230 McGill Blvd., Lethbridge, Alta., Canada.

7th Div., 31st Inf., Co. G (Korea, 1950-51)—Seeking anyone in unit, esp. Clyde Benfield, Sgt. Trotter and Capt. Hake.—Bob Davenport, Rt. 3 Box 463, Flint, TX 75762.

18th FA Bn., Btry. B (1943-45)—Seeking anyone in unit, esp. 1st Sgt. Philip J. Piscatella, Sgts. Frank B. Connelly, James P. Connelly, John F. Burke and Wesley W. Ballance.—Doyle S. Prock, 805 Indiana St., Gridley, CA 95948.

119th FA Grp., XIX Corps, 9th Army, Wire Sect. (Magdeburg, Germany, April-May 1945)—Seeking members of unit, esp. S.Sgt. Elisha Grant, Cpl. John Harper, PFCs Roy J. Beard and Philip M. Judson; I was thrown from wire truck while laying wire to subordinate FA Bn.; injured upper right arm.—John F. Doran, 1902 Lima Dr., Holiday, FL 33590.

American Div., 1/82d Arty., Btry. C (Vietnam, Aug. 1970-Sept. 1971)—Seeking Jon Blank.—Benny Corn, Rt. 1 Box 66, Flat Rock, NC 28731.

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901st ABSBn., Co. B (New Guinea, 1945)—Seeking anyone in unit.—Clarence Gaines, VAMC, 77 Wainwright Dr., Walla Walla, WA 99362.

24th Div., 3d Engr. Bn., HQ Co., Assault Pltn. (Korea, June-Sept. 1950)—Seeking anyone in unit.—Heywood V. Kleber, POB 302, Monroe, OR 97456.

9th Inf. Div., 47th Inf., 329th Anti-tank Co. (Lundsborg, Germany, summer-fall 1946)—Seeking T/Sgts. Marshall and Wadley (?).—John P. Reed, POB 517, Wamego, KS 66547.

628th Engr. LE Co. (ETO, WWII)—Seeking members of unit.—Vincent Rea, 1528 E 51st St., Brooklyn, NY 11234.

1st Air Cav., 15th Supply and Svc. Bn., Supply Co. (Bong San & An Kai, Vietnam, Sept. 1966-Oct. 1967)—Seeking anyone in unit, esp. Capt. Charles Fields and Sgt. Yanashig (?).—William (Bill) Fuller, 270 Beach Ave., Pasadena, MD 21122.

8th Army, 25th Inf. Div., 725th Ord. Bn., Co. A (Korean War)—Seeking anyone in unit.—Theodore C. Cauley, POB 162, Dix, IL 62830.

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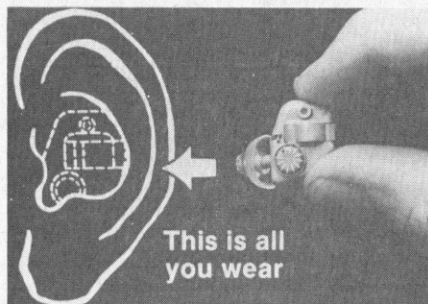
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3d Div., 10th FA, Svc. Btry. (Korea, 1952-53)—Seeking anyone who remembers my feet freezing and a growth on my left eye.—James H. Taylor, Westlawn Heights Apt. 8, Florida, AL 36442.

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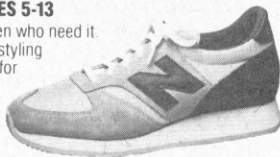
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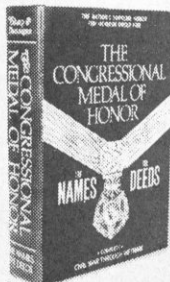
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67th Med. Tank Bn., Co. A, 3d Pltn. (Ft. Hood, Texas, 1949-50)—Seeking anyone who served with me, esp. company clerk Walter P. Chmielewski.—William (Frenchy) Douillette, 55 Downing St., Concord, NH 03301.

7th Army, 5th Bn., 30th Arty., HQ Btry. (Italy, April 25, 1968)—Seeking anyone from unit, esp. 1st Lt. James P. Hedrick.—Florentino Sena, 1117 Dusk Lane, Clovis, NM 88101.

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River Patrol Boat School Class 76 (Feb.-April 1969)—Seeking anyone in unit who remembers me and lung condition.—Rodger D. Alston, POB 859, Globe, AZ 85502.

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USS LSM 44 (July 1944-July 1945)—Seeking anyone aboard.—Tony Winkler, 4376 Ewing Ave., North Minneapolis, MN 55422.

USS Canopus (AS34) (Charleston, S.C., 1966-68)—Seeking anyone who remembers injury I sustained.—Joseph R. Staub, 78 Bowline St., Barnegat, NJ 08005.

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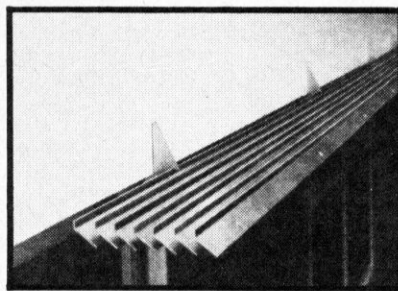
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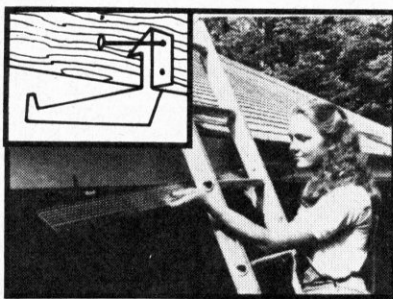
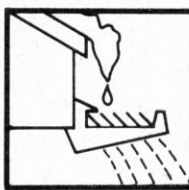
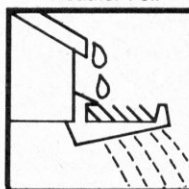
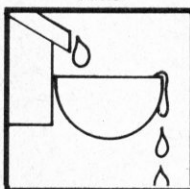
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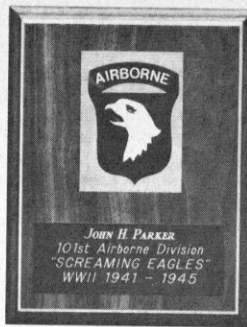
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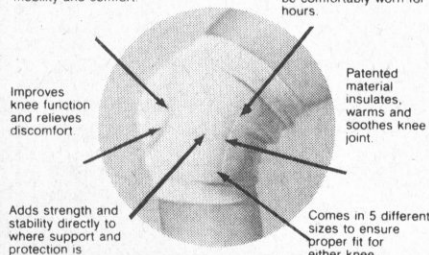
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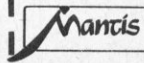
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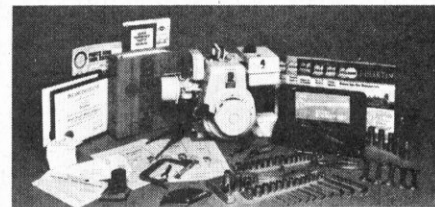
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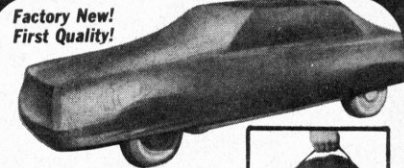
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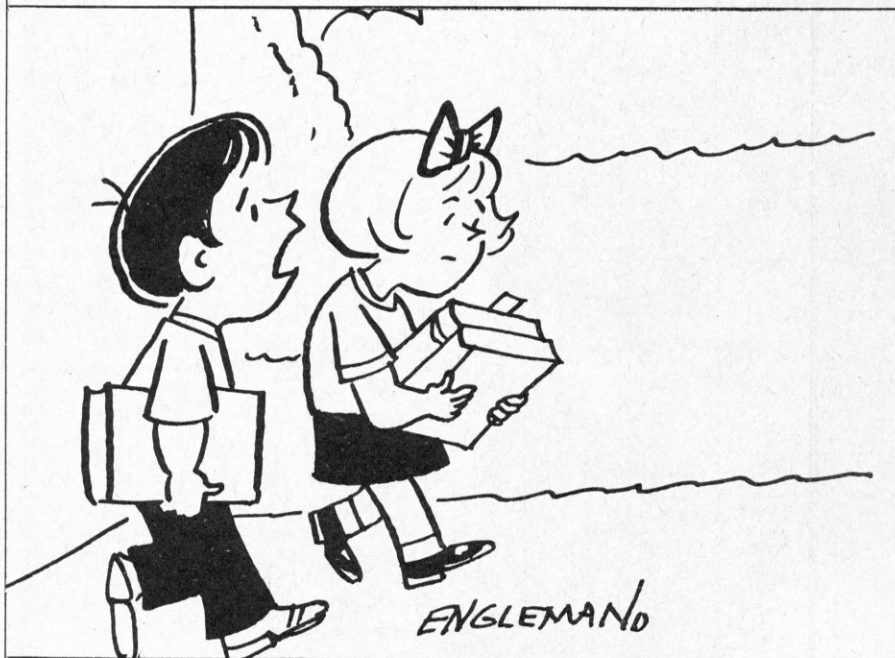
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G	Slate Blue			
R	Khaki Tan			
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